

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR FIREFIGHTER SURVIVAL

- 1. Size up your tactical area of operation.
- 2. Determine the occupant survival profile.
- 3. DO NOT risk your life for lives or property that cannot be saved.
- 4. Extend LIMITED risk to protect SAVABLE property.
- 5. Extend VIGILANT and MEASURED risk to protect and rescue SAVABLE lives.
- 6. Go in together, stay together, come out together.
- 7. Maintain continuous awareness of your air supply, situation, location and fire conditions.
- 8. Constantly monitor fireground communications for critical radio reports.
- 9. You are required to report unsafe practices or conditions that can harm you. Stop, evaluate and decide.
- 10. You are required to abandon your position and retreat before deteriorating conditions can harm you.
- 11. Declare a Mayday as soon as you THINK you are in danger.

THE INCIDENT COMMANDER'S RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR FIREFIGHTER SAFETY

- 1. Rapidly conduct, or obtain, a 360-degree situational size-up of the incident.
- 2. Determine the occupant survival profile.
- 3. Conduct an initial risk assessment and implement a SAFE ACTION PLAN.
- 4. If you do not have the resources to safely support and protect firefighters, seriously consider a defensive strategy.
- 5. DO NOT risk firefighter lives for lives or property that cannot be saved. Seriously consider a defensive strategy.
- 6. Extend LIMITED risk to protect SAVABLE property.
- 7. Extend VIGILANT and MEASURED risk to protect and rescue SAVABLE lives.
- 8. Act upon reported unsafe practices and conditions that can harm firefighters. Stop, evaluate and decide.
- 9. Maintain frequent two-way communications, and keep interior crews informed of changing conditions.
- 10. Obtain frequent progress reports and revise the action plan.
- 11. Ensure accurate accountability of every firefighter's location and status.
- 12. If after completing the primary search, little or no progress toward fire control has been achieved, seriously consider a defensive strategy.
- 13. Always have a rapid intervention team in place at all working fires.
- 14. Always have firefighter rehab services in place at all working fires.

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