TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

Risk Management: IT'S YOUR CALL!

Date:_____

Shift:_____

Dept:_____

Station:_____

Training Code:_____

NOTES:

FOCUS: The service areas for fire departments continually change and expand. New construction poses threats to existing communities and challenges to fire departments.

CHALLENGE

Residential fires pose special problems for firefighters. As land values increase, the need for multi-family dwellings increase. New construction is a constant fact of life.

In addition to urban sprawl, departments are faced with ever increasing multi-level structures. Too often construction codes are altered to accommodate developers without sufficient impact studies. It's important departments work closely with community leaders in order to have sufficient input regarding the ability to provide services that can impact community safety.

This fire is moving fast throughout the neighborhood with several structures already engulfed. In cases like this there is the delicate balancing act of risking a lot to save lives that may be at risk. It's three o'clock in the morning, you have arrived at this scene. It's your call!

DISCUSSION

- What are your initial concerns as the safety officer?
- How will you handle communications to ensure the residents evacuate?
- How prepared is the department to fight multi-story fires?
- How would you stage the scene?
- How are you coordinating with other jurisdictions?
- What are your concerns as the incident commander?
- How do you feel this situation will resolve?

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