

Interior Operations

Discussion

Firefighter fatality and injury studies have identified several areas of operations on the interior of a fire operation as being highly hazardous and requiring special attention. Activities during interior operations must be closely monitored by fire officers and firefighters alike. Building construction and fire behavior must be matched to the tactics and strategies for the operation. Common areas where firefighters get into trouble while operating on the interior have been; Advancing Hoselines, Performing Search, Fire Suppression and Overhaul. Key parts of these analysis reveal that **accountability by the company officer** for the *crews actions, whereabouts and their working environment* are major factors that improve the ability to operate safely while inside the fire building. Officers must act as supervisors at all incidents and must take their responsibilities seriously and aggressively. We must do what we must do, however, we must do it as **safely** as we can. Key behaviors in this area are accountability, communications and continual size-up. Discuss these operational areas and decision making responsibilities.

General Discussion Areas

- Review department SOG's that apply to interior firefighting operations:

- SCBA Usage
- Accountability
- Communications
- Hoseline operations
- RIT and MAYDAY Procedures
- Fire Attack Options

Emphasize
Size-up, Safety &
Accountability Procedures in
each SOG.



Hoseline Operations	
Hazard or Problem Encountered	Actions Taken & Precautions or Observations to Prevent Hazard
Inadequate size or flow	
Kinks and bends in lines	
Not enough line to reach target	
FF searching off-line or other operation	

Search Operations	
Hazard or Problem Encountered	Actions Taken & Precautions or Observations to Prevent Hazard
Air supply limits	
Change in fire conditions prevent egress	
How to Conduct the Search	
FF off line or lost	

Suppression Operations	
Hazard or Problem Encountered	Actions Taken & Precautions or Observations to Prevent Hazard
Changes in Fire Behavior	
Unable to control fire	
Unable to locate fire	
Structural stability concerns	



Officer Responsibilities			
Accountability	Communications	Size-up	Supervision
<i>Voice, Vision & Touch</i>	<i>On-going, Progress Reports</i>	<i>Initial and On-Going</i>	<i>Not task oriented</i>
Expand on your roles and responsibilities in these key operational areas using the examples provided.			

