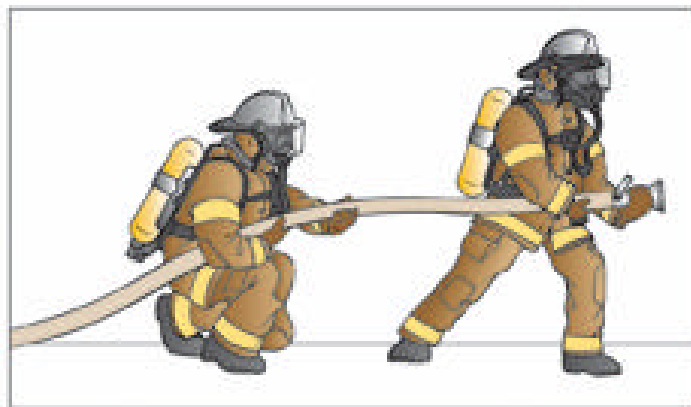
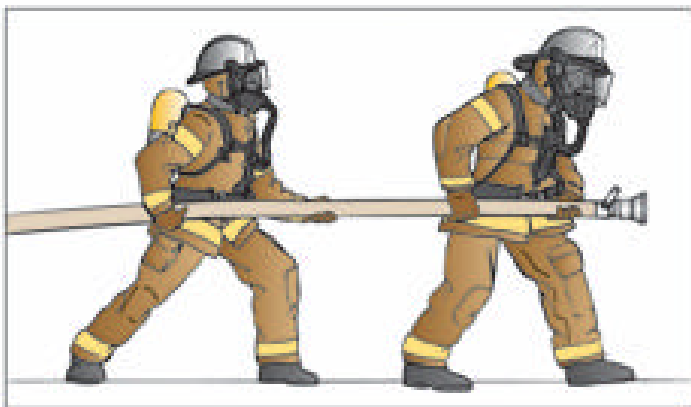


The Back-Up Position

Review these basic firefighter positions while backing-up a nozzleman on a hose-line.

Instructor Tips

Officers should discuss back-up person positions in all type of lead-outs and stream applications. Discuss movement inside a structure, vehicle fires, working on ladders, and in different manpower numbers as your companies are assigned. Review Fire Engineering *"Bread and Butter Operations, Advancing the Initial Attack Hoseline"* video and other references to assist in this lesson delivery.



Tips

- Back-up person should usually be on the same side of the line as the nozzle person
- Stay back about 3' to allow for line movement behind the nozzle
- Support but do not push the nozzle away from the nozzleman
- Move the line up and down to change stream position
- Move the opposite way the stream should go
 - >Stream to right, move to your left
 - >Stream to left, move to your right
- Keep an open stance and lean toward the nozzle

