

## Drill Lesson Plan

Acquired Structure.

SCBA Confidence through the use of a controlled search course dictated by the instructor and subsequently by following a hose line.

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## Objective

The firefighters will show proficiency in an emergency operations environment. Advancing a search crew into the structure for an objective. While performing their search, they will come across a hose-line that they will use as their direction of travel. The end result shall be proficiency in working in a stressful environment while using their SCBA and SCBA familiarity. Communicating progress back to “Command” will also be paramount.

## Referenced Materials

TMFD SOG  
IFSTA Essentials FF 1  
State of Wisconsin class work for FF 1  
IFSTA Company Officer

## Topics

- Donning full PPE, fully ready to enter “hot-zone”
- Proper laddering techniques
- Entering structure for search (sounding floor)
- Radio communications
- Search procedures (left or right or straight-line to sound)
- RIT operations, accountability and staging

## Safety Considerations

Safety Officer designation  
Expectation of skill  
Clear definition of who the lead instructor is  
Ensure adequate number of instructors for stations  
No shortcuts or “close enough” mentality  
No running, jumping, or any other physically unsafe acts  
Professionalism

Practice safety when working off ground  
Basement level is off limits

## Equipment

Firefighter PPE  
Rescue Randy  
Pre-connected attack line (cross lay)  
Personal search rope  
Ladders  
Firefighting hand tools  
SCBA's  
Ladder truck and engine  
Ground ladders  
Mask black out devices  
Smoke machine or barrel

## Lesson

**1.) Search company. Scenario of a team called to search the fire building for any victims.**

- a. Stage apparatus near scene with the crew called to assigned point to search. (Called by Instructor)
- b. An instructor will give feedback on all radio traffic by crew for practice with communications
- c. Initial search to be started by team with assignments for each member made clear by officer or leader.
- d. Accountability Cone in place
- e. Donning of air pack, mask, gloves, i.e. everything to be able to "go in".
- f. Safely come off the truck to designated entry point.
- g. In this scenario, instructor will designate a recognized search pattern
- h. Communicate progress to command for further strategic goals and tactics.

**2.) Second search company. Same as lesson #1 with exception of searching a different floor.**

**3.) If personnel are available, a crew will track operations by monitoring the radio traffic and utilizing the RIT accountability board.**

**NOTE: Crews should be sent in separately at intervals of @ 15 minutes when entering the same point.**