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: Fire fighting is an inherently dangerous occupation. However, there have been tremendous improvements with the personal protection equipment, training and general fire fighting equipment that is available for today's fire-fighter. There are still too many people failing to utilize the appropriate equip-ment, or follow safe procedures that often result in injury, illness or death.

CHALLENGE

Fire fighter safety is paramount. It's not only important we "fight fires" and try to save lives, we must do every thing we can to ensure the team will return home safely!

You have arrived at this scene and this is what you find. You are the safety officer. It's your call!

DISCUSSION

- What are the concerns raised by firefighters in this picture?
- How would you address and correct the concerns at the site?
- What department policies are being violated?
- How would you address these types of issues with departmental staff?
- How can we improve the safety culture of the department?
- Do you feel these firefighters resemble anyone in your organization?
- Do you feel "peer coaching" is an effective tool to change behavior?
- How can we improve training to eliminate "poor" choices at emergency scenes?
- What responsibility do you feel leadership should assume in situations like this?

The greatest asset of the fire service is our people; protect them!

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