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: Residential fires create exposures of the unknown. The source of the fires may be common, however, we never know what is being stored in the basement or garage!

CHALLENGE

Firefighting exposes us to a variety of dangers. When we are engaging a residential fire, we are very concerned about rescuing the occupants. In many homes, basements are used as living spaces. This creates multi-level access and egress issues.

It's early in the morning, we believe there are people inside the dwelling. A large fire is raging. It's an unusually windy day! This is a highly populated residential area. You have arrived at this scene. It's your call!

DISCUSSION

- What's our protocol in a situation like this?
- What personnel safety issues come to mind?
- What concerns do you have about the general public and evacuation that may be necessary?
- What problems have you had with multi-level residential fire situations?
- What communication issues do you perceive?
- Are there any collapse concerns?
- You are the safety officer, what instructions do you have for your crew?
- What are your concerns as the incident commander?

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

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