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: Natural Disasters Are Unpredictable and Pose Deadly Threats to all! We must anticipate the unlikely and be prepared if we are to successfully carry out our rescue missions!

CHALLENGE

Emergency response is the nature of our business. However, natural disasters create difficulties to our ability to respond. This is especially true if it is unusual for our geographical area!

The United States is riddled with fault lines across the country. Virtually every state has them While we have had few earthquakes outside the west coast, many areas are shaking today. Let's pretend an earthquake or other unpredictable natural disaster is occurring in your area! You must plan your response. It's your call!

DISCUSSION

- What personnel safety issues come to mind?
- What preparations do we make to deal with unusual natural disasters?
- What communication and logistical concerns do you have about getting personnel to work?
- What inter-agency agreements are in place should your base of operation become unusable?
- Have we thought of staff's family safety?
- How prepared is your department equipped to handle devastating natural disasters?
- Discuss how you would proceed ?
- What happens when roads become inaccessible?
- You are the safety officer, what instructions do you have for your crew?

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