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: Electrical Contact Can Pose Deadly Threats. Each year firefighters are injured when they accidentally come into contact with electricity. We must enhance our scene safety evaluations to eliminate this exposure.

CHALLENGE

Firefighting exposes us to a variety of dangers. One of the deadliest forces is electricity. Injuries resulting from "contact" continue to rise despite continuing training on methods of prevention. Poor visibility can contribute to firefighters coming into contact with electrical lines. It's important we are aware of our surroundings and become familiar with hazards in locations we are servicing.

You have arrived at this scene. Let's talk about our exposure to electrical lines. It's your call!

DISCUSSION

- What's our protocol in a situation like this?
- What additional personnel safety issues come to mind?
- How would you proceed?
- As the safety officer, what instructions do you have for your crew?
- What types of near misses have we had that involve electrical contact?

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

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