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Firefighter Safety Stand Down Week

Firefighter Safety Stand Down Week is set for June 18-24, 2017. Every year, the theme of the week focuses on procedures that can save firefighters' lives; this year's theme includes Mayday calls, self-rescue techniques, and rapid intervention teams.

Practicing and perfecting life-saving techniques is beneficial to yourself and your brothers and sisters in the fire service. It's the repetition of training that helps you to assess and react to danger reflexively. On

the fireground, every moment counts.

Participating in Safety Stand Down Week means your department should cease all non-emergency activities and focus solely on training. To learn more about this joint effort between the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Volunteer Fire Council, please check out the links in the sidebar. Additionally, training officers are welcome to request any of the relevant videos from our library.



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Training Videos Listed below are some of the videos available from our lending library on this subject.

R.I.T. RAPID INTERVENTION TEAMS

AV09-2351 Length: 28:00

Format: DVD Author: EFG

This program (DVD and Leader's Guide) is designed for fire departments, industrial fire brigades, and other emergency response personnel who may need to organize a strike team to rescue their own. Topics include: purpose of the rapid intervention team; OSHA 2 In/2 Out Rule; training requirements; duties of the RIT officer; maintaining a proactive stance; information gathering; equipment used; deploying the team; search techniques; and rescue techniques.

RAPID INTERVENTION: INTERIOR & EXTERIOR OPERATIONS

AV05-1856 Length: 4:00:00

Format: DVD Author: ATS

The goal of this course on Rapid Intervention Teams is to provide training for fire officers and firefighters on RIT roles and responsibilities. The objectives are: to define what a Rapid Intervention Team is, to show how they function outside and inside the hazard zone, to describe how to locate firefighters in distress, to show how to perform an initial assessment of a downed firefighter, to describe air-supply considerations for trapped firefighters, and to show a variety of rescue techniques. The training packet

consists of a lesson plan, 2 DVDs, a CDROM with a power point presentation, and transparency masters.

SURVIVAL! RIT PROFILE: ABBET

AV09-2308 Length: 34:00

Format: DVD Author: FETN

Join us as we travel to Western Pennsylvania to examine the rapid intervention team (RIT) policies and procedures of ABBET (Allegheny, Beaver, Butler Emergency Team). ABBET has developed a unique model in which they brought together several counties (including 25 fire departments) in a collaborative effort to promote firefighter survival.

CALLING THE MAYDAY

AV06-2031 Length: 30:00

Format: DVD Author: FETN

Why is getting a firefighter to call a Mayday such a problem? This course explores the factors behind this issue: the definition of a Mayday situation, reasons firefighters may delay or fail to make the call, and Mayday decision-making parameters and calling procedure. FETN visits TrainingDivision.com in Texas and the 2005 Firehouse Expo in Baltimore, MD, where students drill Mayday through a series of obstacles and live fire drills.

CALLING THE MAYDAY: HANDS-ON TRAINING FOR FIREFIGHTERS

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AV06-2040 Length: 8:00:00

Format: CD Author: USFA/NFA

This CD contains 'Calling the Mayday: Hands-on Training for Firefighters' (H134), an eight hour course which includes the instructor's manual, job performance requirements, and skill-check forms to ensure that students can successfully perform the psychomotor components of the mayday doctrine. The CD also contains the 'Firefighter Safety: Calling the Mayday' (Q133) course which includes a 40 minute video presentation. The video covers the definition of a Mayday situation, reasons firefighters may delay or fail to make the call, and Mayday decision-making parameters and calling procedure.

MAYDAY

AV14-2659 Length: 37:00 Format:

DVD Author: FIRE ENGINEERING

In the Mayday DVD, Lt. Frank Ricci and P.J. Norwood, deputy chief of the East Haven (CT) Fire Department, illustrate Mayday operations. Using several actual Mayday calls, they show how to transmit the Mayday, underscoring the importance of the LUNAR acronym. Lt. Ricci and Chief Norwood discuss potential tactical failures on the fireground and the significance of Mayday training on all levels of the fire department -- from probie up to the chief -- in order to properly mitigate a Mayday situation.

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