



PEA RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

CORE COMPETENCY DRILL



Fire Suppression—Basic Search Techniques

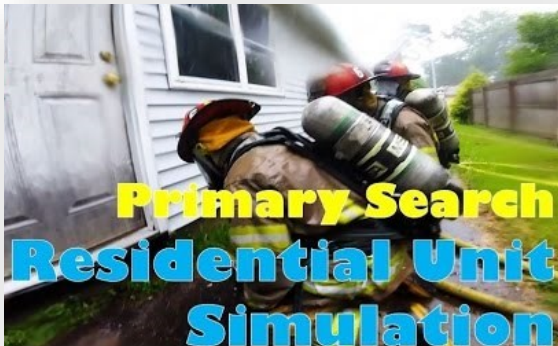
DESCRIPTION AND EXPECTED PERFORMANCE: Practice quick search techniques utilizing a method that is thorough and provides for efficient rescue.

Equipment, Props, Information or Other Resources Needed: Interior layout with multiple bedrooms, living area, and or other simulated areas. Helmet, ra-

Length: 2 HOURS

REFERENCE: NFPA 1001-1002 Standards.
Firefighting Essentials, current ed. IFSTA.
PRFD SOPs and Guidelines related to
Structure Fires (General).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS CORE COMPETENCY DRILL



The primary search is extremely important and must be done in the quickest manner possible. Crews can work together, one searching, the other manning the hose line while maintaining one of 3 types of contact; verbal, sight, or by staying in touch. The heat and smoke conditions inside the structure fire dictate whether or not you need to get low.

Primary Search

Utilize an interior area; only wear your helmet and gloves. Work as a two-person team to search the residential area of your station. Make sure to remove any breakable items prior to conducting the search. Since full gear is not needed, personnel could be masked with limited vision to make the drill more challenging and another member of the crew can play the role of a victim. Simulate radio communications for practice. The Captain or person in charge can alter the drill to make it more fun and unique.



Secondary Search



Secondary Search is the most thorough search to be completed slowly and methodically. It is after this final search, that we can give the "ALL CLEAR" inside the building.

Keep in mind, some of the smallest structure fires with debris can yield victims below the rubble.

Be meticulous and check everywhere and under everything. Any potential void or hidden space can be a compartment to find a small child.