

Company Functions

Course Descriptions



Day 1- Classroom Review

Students will begin class with approximately 2 hours of classroom review on First-In Engine and First-In Truck company functions pertaining to different kinds of occupancies.

We will discuss the importance of solid engine work: prioritizing protection of civilians, rapid fire extinguishment, and proper line selection/placement. Dave, Cam and Swanny will speak to the importance of knowing your equipment and setting up for success through hose loads, nozzle selection and appliances. Where does the first line go? Where does the second line go? What is the next in engine doing? Is the truck searching above you? Are you prioritizing protection of egress points and internal exposures? What's your plan for water supply? Are you short staffed? Damon, Cid and Kevin will review priorities of the first due truck. Specifically covering the need for a priority based search, looking for fire and potential occupants. We will also discuss the truck duties needed to facilitate the engine's success. This includes; forcible entry, proper laddering, communication of fire location, extent, and proper ventilation.

Day 1: Hands-On Engine Drills



- Stretching fundamentals
- Advantages/disadvantages of the different hose loads
- Setting up for an aggressive push into the fire building
- Long stretches
- Navigating obstacles
- Pitfalls of the gated-W
- Hoarder conditions
- Nozzle positioning
- Roll of the back-up firefighter
- Moving and flowing
- Hose maze
- 2.5 hoselines

Day 1: Hands-On Truck Drills



- Forcible entry
- Chainsaw and rotary saw use
- Saw maintenance and equipment set-up
- Search with hoarder conditions
- Search priorities
- Duties of the OVM
- Vertical ventilation
- Vent-enter-search
- Ground ladders
- Outside vent duties
- Use of the can
- Splitting the crew to achieve multiple objectives

Day 2: Live Fire Evolutions

Class participants will be broken into company assignments and will respond to various live fire simulations. We will run with 2-engine companies and 1-truck company for the first alarm assignment. Students can choose to work on engine or truck skills in these real time live-fire scenarios. We will also let students rotate through the Captains seat to help strengthen their decision and communication skills. Emphasis will be put on aggressive firefighting, tactical communication and safe decision making. The engines and truck will learn to work together on different kinds of occupancies where they compliment each other in suppression efforts. Fire scenarios will be run in our connex training buildings, allowing students to perform fire fighting tasks in a realistic environment with real searches, real stretching, real ventilation, real forcible entry and real fires!

