

Fire Engineering®

Company Training Drill

The Survival Essentials

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WHEN WOULD YOU?	WHAT WOULD YOU SAY ON THE RADIO OR TO YOUR PARTNER?	WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO IMPROVE YOUR SITUATION?	WHAT SHOULD COMMAND AND RIC DO?
Call a MAYDAY	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <h3><u>Drill Discussion Instructions</u></h3> <p>See Page #2 for a survival situation worksheet to guide a company level discussion on fireground emergencies. Your discussion should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify as many possible situations where the survival skill or operations would apply. • Determine what your department expects its members to say on the radio to alert I/C and the Rapid Intervention Crew to their situation. • Identify possible solutions to improve your situation and allow for self or partner rescue. • Describe what the I/C and RIC should be doing when you have declared the emergency or have described a potential problem. </div>		
Activate your PASS			
Evacuate a Structure			
Conduct a PAR			
Not Make Entry Into a Structure Fire			
Give a Progress Report on the Radio			
Switch Offensive to Defensive Strategy			
Perform a Window Bailout			
Take Preventive Actions			

Drill Assigned to:	Local Drill Applications	Date of Drill:
SOG #:	Reading Assignment:	Practical Assignment:

Reasons Firefighters Get Into Trouble	What Are Your Reactions / Actions / Solutions in Your Current Position?
Incident Conditions are deteriorating rapidly	
Loss of Water Supply or inadequate GPM	
Improper Size-up (or Incomplete)	
Risk Benefit Assessment Not Matching Actions Being Taken (crews on interior during defensive conditions)	
A Member Operating without a Partner	
Lack of Incident Command Structure	
Failure to Detect Secondary Fires or Extension into concealed spaces	
Firefighters working above a fire below them	
A Firefighter appears very fatigued or exhausted during an operation	
Firefighters run out of air or are work into their low pressure alarm bells – “Working beyond Point of No Return”	

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