TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

Risk Management:Training Is For Pros

Date:_____

Shift:_____

Dept:_____

Station:_____

Training Code:_____

NOTES:

FOCUS: We must focus attention on our training activities to ensure they are as safe as possible. The end goal is to reduce or eliminate the number of training related accidents in our department .

CHALLENGE

Training is an essential component of the firefighter's skill development. It is also important we simulate situations we will encounter at emergency scenes. Not surprisingly, these activities can also be the source of injuries to firefighters.

Unfortunately, each year approximately 12-16 percent of firefighter deaths occur during training activities. In addition, training activities also result in a significant number of firefighter injuries. Accidents typically involve falls, burns, smoke inhalation, contusions and fatigue. Injuries resulting from training accidents impact our department's ability to handle emergencies because of the incapacity of our firefighters.

As a result of these trends, training and safety officers should work closely together in an attempt to improve the safety aspect of training. Each incident no matter how small should be analyzed to some extent. Trends should be addressed with corrective actions taken as soon as possible. The area where the training accident occurred, equipment and personnel involved should be part of the analysis.

Training is very important to the development of professional firefighters. It should be both effective and safe for its participants. It is here they develop and practice their safety attitudes!

DISCUSSION

- What types of accidents have occurred during training in our department?
- Do the same types of accidents occur repeatedly?
- What type of accident investigation occurs when there are training accidents?
- Are these accidents forwarded to the safety committee?
- How do we address corrective actions?
- Are changes communicated to all staff as part of their education?
- How effective is our system for making improvements?
- How do you think it can be improved?

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