TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

Risk Management: It's Your Call

FOCUS: Downed electrical power lines can be dangerous. Accidental contact Can Pose Deadly threats. We must exercise good judgment and follow protocols every time we are exposed to this danger.

Date:_____

Shift:_____

Dept:_____

Station:_____

Training Code:_____

NOTES:

CHALLENGE

Firefighting exposes us to a variety of dangers. One of the deadliest forces is electricity. Injuries resulting from "contact" continue to rise despite continuing training on methods of prevention. Poor visibility can contribute to firefighters coming into contact with electrical lines. It's important we are aware of our surroundings and become familiar with hazards in locations we are servicing.

You have arrived at this scene. Let's talk about our exposure to electrical lines. It's your call!

DISCUSSION

- How often has the crew experienced situations like this?
- How well trained are crew members?
- What's our protocol in a situation like this?
- What additional personnel safety issues come to mind?
- How would you proceed?
- As the safety officer, what instructions do you have for your crew?
- What types of near misses have we had that involve electrical contact?

The greatest asset of the fire service is our people; protect them!

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