

FORCE ENTRY

KEY CONSIDERATIONS: Non-Emergency

- Try the simplest/cheapest alternatives first
- Check for a Knox Box
- REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS – create a paper trail
- Consider Law Enforcement for lock picking

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- PPE varies depending on the situation
- All D3 engines/trucks have a rotary saw. MFR has them on the Truck and HR.
- MFR Heavy Rescue has extra equipment – Hydraforce (rabbit), Holmatro battery Combi-tool.

PROTOCOL:

- Minimum PPE when forcing is GLOVES and EYE PROTECTION, but often more will be required.

NON-EMERGENCY LOCKOUTS:

- Non-emergency lockouts are **not** the responsibility of emergency personnel.

STANDARDS FOR ALL CIRCUMSTANCES:

1. Choose the least damaging method and entry point to gain access. Try alternatives first. Is there a Knox box?
2. Notify law enforcement.
3. Identify yourself clearly during the process of entering premises by announcing **“fire department.”**
4. If possible, turn over premises only to an authorized RP or law enforcement personnel. When a Responsible Party (RP) or police are not available, attempt to secure the premises and ensure that prompt notification has been made to the property owner.
5. Notify the Battalion Chief ASAP. Document specifics in your RMS.

Situation	When we <u>WILL</u> force:	PROTOCOL:
Structure Fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Structure Fire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try before you pry. • Choose proper door based on fire conditions. • Have multiple plans. • Control & search behind door. • Be aware of environment entering into- backdraft, flashover, change in vent profile. • When using rotary saw know where spark shower is directed.

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Locked Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person(s) locked in vehicle that is/are incapable of unlocking the vehicle and is in <u>immediate danger</u> due to heat or other medical condition. Pet(s) locked in a vehicle too hot or cold for survival. Vehicle locked and running INSIDE an enclosed structure producing a hazardous atmosphere. Other situation where the locked condition of the vehicle is an obvious threat to the safety of persons or property. EMS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact tow company ASAP. Try simple fixes first if time allows. Utilize least damaging method. Discuss options with owner etc. and try to build a plan together. Make notifications.
EMS and Rescue Calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Known / confirmed person down and in immediate need of assistance. Request from other occupant, facility owner or site manager. Request from family on scene <u>or</u> in direct contact with you. Request from Law Enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try simple options first if time allows. Utilize least damaging method. Discuss options with owner etc. and try to build a plan together. Make notifications and secure building.
Fire Alarm Sounding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoke visible inside the structure. Water flowing. Fire visible. Other signs of emergency inside the structure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knox Box? Try simple options first if time allows. Utilize least damaging method. Discuss options with owner etc. and try to build a plan together. Make notifications and secure structure.
Wildland Structural Triage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only when structure is under imminent threat from advancing fire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try simple options first if time allows. Utilize least damaging method. Leave a note. Make detailed entry on your ICS 214 form. Let Division/Group Supervisor know.