

SEARCH – DEFENSIVE

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Accomplished while performing other tasks / functions.
- If you locate a victim you **MUST** broadcast the rescue need and get help coming to you. The best practice is to maintain voice, visual, or touch with your partner(s).

PROTOCOL:

1. Almost all members on the fire ground will have opportunities to defensively search as they carry out their assigned function. Members should be looking for these opportunities without freelancing.
2. You will defensively search areas that are IDLH atmospheres from a defensive position while performing other tasks or functions.
3. Use your Thermal Imager to sweep areas inside openings, doors, windows, and yell for victims.
4. If victims are located determine if they are viable, **if not, secure the area as best as you can and recover the victim at an appropriate time.**
5. **If victims are viable** coordinate with the IC, get help coming, and perform the rescue.