

SEARCH – OFF THE HOSELINE

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Searching performed by the fire control company or group while they advance the attack line.
- Often a good option early in the incident when fewer companies are available or when we have a scenario where putting the fire out quickly will save more lives than rescuing victims.
- The search techniques employed during this operation will likely be less complete and thorough. Secondary searchers will need to be extra vigilant.

PROTOCOL:

1. Getting the hose line to the seat of the fire remains the number 1 priority of this company but you are being asked to also quickly search as you go.
2. When you locate a victim, first communicate with IC, then you have several options:
 - Push the rescue to another company.
 - Split your crew to perform the rescue, while still advancing the line.
 - Split your crew to perform the rescue, while leaving a member to “hold” the fire.
 - Confine the fire first, and then perform the rescue.
 - Shelter the victim in place.
 - Stop the fire attack and perform the rescue (this may be the best option or the worst option).