



RFD Training Newsletter

September 2015



September Highlights

Strategic Planning MCD

9-11 Firefighter Appreciation Lunches

USAR Communications Drill

Marine Corps Career Day

Driver Training MCD

Truck Skills Review Days

IEOM Testing



The Pumpers Local

Water Supply

“TIP OF THE MONTH”

It's common for an engine company to arrive first-on scene of a structure fire. Pre-connects are usually the first line to be pulled. A common mistake by engineers is laying the supply line over the pre connect. This limits pulling up working-line, and water flow through the pre-connected hose line.



The Pumpers Local

Using Road Flares Safely

An Engineers Responsibility

Road Flares are not the same thing as Fusees. Road Flares are used for safety on roads and highways, and fusees are used for lighting fires (wildland). Each road flare will have a listed burn time, while fusees burn much hotter. Our engine companies are supplied with road flares to be used for safety, and OES and Brush rigs are supplied with fusees to be used on wildland incidents.

Common mistakes while using road flares are not using the end cap, and being unfamiliar with how to extinguish a flare.



Light Flare
away from
yourself

Place Cap on
back of flare

Cap prevents
flare from rolling

Stacking flares
to extend burn
time

To extinguish flare
drop on center of
igniter

Do not ever recap a burning flare, or grind a burning flare into concrete or blacktop.



TRUCK TALK

CONVENTIONAL FORCIBLE ENTRY

On INWARD SWINGING METAL DOOR, METAL JAM,
In MASONRY

Working on the Truck

SIZE UP DOOR: Do this on every door before prying

Inward Swinging Metal Door, Metal Jam, in Block or Masonry

TRY BEFORE YOU PRY:

- This accomplishes several things like feeling for heat, turning the door knob to see if the door will open, and put a toe to the bottom of the door to check for door flex
- Remember to keep control of the door; this can be done by using a strap on the door- knob or hooking it with your tool after forcing it.



“Try before
You Pry”

3 STEPS TO FORCING THE DOOR:

GAP, SET, PRY

- GAP: - If the door is a tight jam then start low on the door and work your way up to set your gap
- Use the ADZ end of the Halligan and once in the jam pry up or down



“Gap-Set-Pry”



SET: - Set your axe, wedge, etc. in the gap to hold onto it while you reset your prying tool

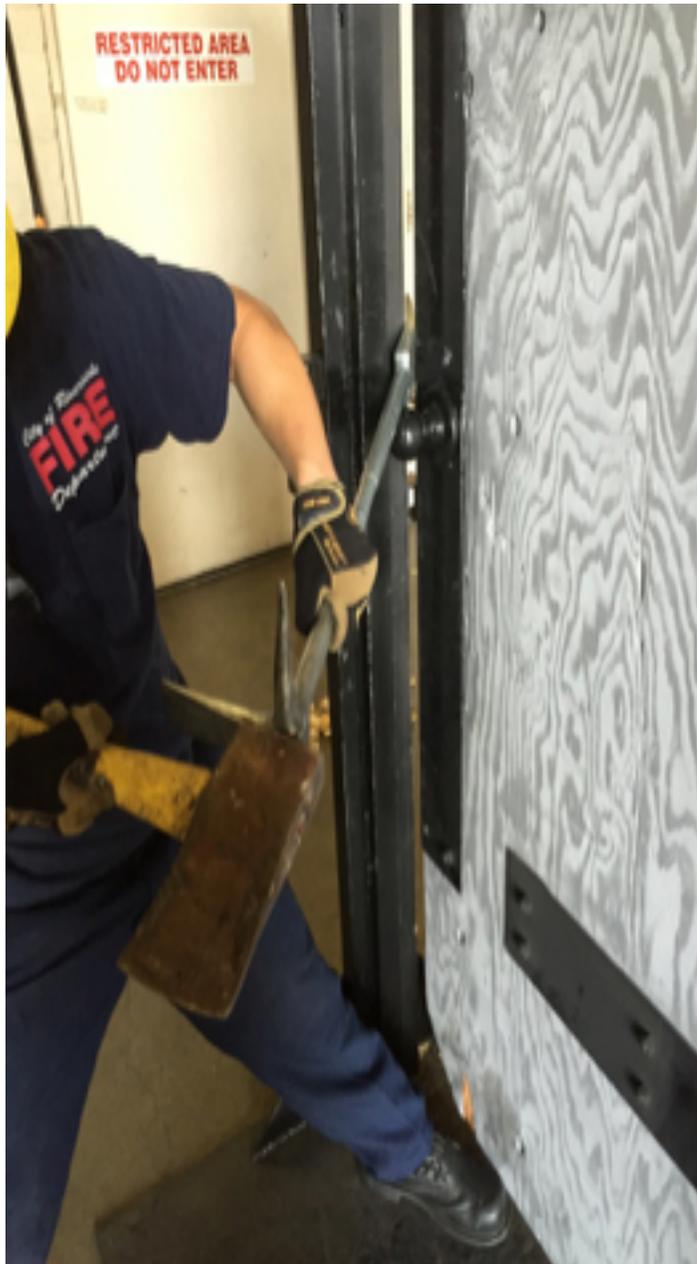


Truck Skills Review Days

Sept 7-14-21. RIC on High Rise Incidents.
RIC Strips & Connecting to standpipe on
the floor below.



PRY: - Pry the door open. This can be done by continuing to use the ADZ or flip the halligan around and use the fork end. For an inward swinging door the bevel is usually in. Be sure to set the forks far enough into the jam so they won't slip out when forcing the door.



“Gap-Set-Pry”





- This last pry may not force the door all the way open, if it doesn't and there is a big enough gap you can do several things to finish the door:
 - o Spin the halligan around and put the ADZ and the PIC on the other side of the jam and pry the door open, this gives a lot of leverage, just make sure you are prying off the back of the door jam and not on the stop
 - o Put the axe head against the door to take up space and use it as leverage against the fork end of the halligan
 - o Use just the ADZ end against the door and jam and pry up

Thanks to T1B Crew for their Knowledge & Skills.

Mentoring & Promotional Section

Conducting Training Drills as the Company Officer

The City of Riverside Fire Department has built the reputation of having highly skilled firefighters, rigorous probation, detailed and challenging driver certification process, and a highly competitive promotional process. This is what makes the RFD.... the RFD. It's built on years of tradition of high-level training, dedication, and preparation to be ready for the big one.

What role does the company officer play in continuing our tradition and our legacy? The company officer must coordinate productive, thorough, and high level training drills that will benefit each individual, the entire crew, and our department as a whole.

The company officer should focus on teaching, educating, motivating, and mentoring the crew. Below are helpful tips on how to develop progressive training drills as a company officer:

- *Plan the drill in advance and allow the crew to prepare. Preparation is the key to success. Testing the crew as a whole shall be completed using "Go Drills." This simulates actual emergencies, but shall only be completed after thorough preparation.
 - *Each drill should have a lead instructor. Teach without putting the students on the spot. Allow the crew to learn without being quizzed or tested during drills.
 - *Find locations within your district and throughout the city that may experience an emergency related to the equipment your training on. There is no better feeling of empowerment then arriving on scene of an incident where you have trained in the recent past.
 - *Prepare the crew for all types of emergencies, seasons, and upcoming department drills. The amount of responsibility we have as emergency responders creates an endless amount of training opportunities and equipment that we must be proficient in.
 - *Each drill should begin with a safety briefing and overall objectives for the drill should be established. Drills can be 15min, 3 hours, or an extended duration.
 - *Company Officers need to be able to teach and coordinate drills. Be creative and use experienced personnel as needed to assist. Study the material and research approved methods on ways to complete the evolutions. SOP's, IFSTA, PA's & approved manuals.
 - *The training schedule shall be developed and presented by the company officer allowing input and ideas from the crew.
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Mentoring & Promotional Section

Who do you call?

Incident Cheat Sheet

Medical Aids: OSHA / Reporting Injuries: 1. 24 hours in hospital 2. Loss of body part. 3. Disfigurement Report of Dependent Adult/Elder Abuse: Adult protective services: 800-491-7123 Report to EMS Coordinator within 24 hours.		Report of Child abuse: Contact RPD Contact (CPS) Chld Protective Services 800-422-4918 Submit forms within 24 hours to EMS Coordinator Submersion Incident Report: Done for all drownings. Riverside County Public Health Officer: 951-358-5107 Mon-Friday 0800 to 1700 and 951-782-2974 after hours. Corner's number: 951-443-2300 -- after hours dial 0	
Structure related resources: Structural Damage: 1. <u>Contact Building Official:</u> Have respond to scene. 2. <u>Send Email or Telephone Prevention</u> with incident information. Fire Marshal /Deputy Fire Marshal with building information.		Forcable Entry: 1. <u>Notify B/C</u> and have <u>City Contractor</u> responded if there is damage. 2. Leave Report Request Card (customer service bag). Code Enforcement Main # 951-826-5633 contact for structure problems	
Hazmat Resources: #3702 Contact Station #2 / Streets 24 hour contact: cell number in dispatch.			
Public Works: ERT Team / Joe Michlig (951) 314-5553 or John Alworth (951) 505-2925			
Will dispose of: 1. Gas, diesel, radiator coolants, oil, trans fluid, hydraulic fluid paints, batteries, unspecified non-chlorinated hydrocarbons, misc low hazard nuisance items. Request for Dirt and Sand: 1. Pick-up 1/2 ton 2. Six-wheeler (flat bed) 3 yds./ 4 tons 3. Five yard dump truck 7 tons 4. Ten wheeler dump truck 8 yds./ 12 tons Double Barrel Number # 877-324-9628		Responsibility of Cleanup: Primary Clean-up responsibility: 1. spiller or property owner Secondary Clean-up responsibility: 1. Riverside County Environment Health: a. Notified of all incidents. b. Lead agency on final clean-up. Spills in Gutter: 1. District inspector, industrial waste 2. Station #2 for Riv County Environment Health response.	
Public Utilities: Emergency 24 Hour Number 951-351-6228			
Water Department: a. Emergency to life or property FD can shut off. b. Non-emergency call water department. Sewage spills: Industrial waste (Not a Hazmat)		Electrical: Public Utilities 1. Electric problems 2. Lines down or in trees. Sewage spills: Industrial waste (Not a Hazmat)	
Fire investigation: 1. Cause of fire can't be determined. 2. Fires resulting in serious injury, death, or any explosion. 3. Structure fire with loss of \$100,000 or more. 4. 2nd or greater alarms. 5. Fire of suspicious origin.		6. Vehicle fires of incendiary or suspicious origin. Newer vehicle, not stolen, not stripped, burn in remote location no one present, evidence/suspicion of accelerant 7. Any fire occurring in public buildings, hospitals or care facilities. 8. Fires with suspects, adult or juvenile that are involved are in custody or there whereabouts is known. 9. Suspected or confirmed incendiary fires of any type.	
Vegetation Problems: 1. <u>Trees in Power lines:</u> 2. City Trees will be handled by tree department. a. On streets and city property. 3. Property owner responsible for trees in their area. a. Exception: In power lines. City Tree Department #: 1. 351-6126 2. City info # 351-6300		Homeless Encampments: 1. Information on homeless encampments activities shall be reported to Don Smith (Project Manager Office) 951-826-5615 (Cell) 951-453-9318 dmsmith@riversideca.gov 2. General issues and concerns with homeless individuals. Homeless Outreach Program 951-826-2200 M-F 600 to 2100 County Flood Control: 951-955-1200 Mon-Thurs Steve Thompson Supervisor: 951-223-2127	
Bee Incident: RIV County Agricultural Commissioner's Office Phone: 951-955-3000			

EMS



EMT Skills for October – December

Patient Assessment – Medical & Trauma

Spinal Immobilization & KED

Bleeding Control & Tourniquet

Sager & Traction Splint

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Paramedic Skills Testing

TCP

CPAP

Tourniquets

Restraints

PEDs Intubation

Specialty Stations



Engine 3 was recently dispatched to a Palm Tree Rescue incident. These incidents are very low frequency but very technical. Our Technical Rescue Team will be completing a mini-tech rescue academy to cover these skills in detail in November. Please view the links below to see how important it is as a company officer to provide safety for your crew, and being familiar with available resources when responding to palm tree rescues.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZoghIsJCp0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Br7-eN8NF-E>

