

#### Fire/EMS Safety, Health and Survival Week: "Dynamic Risk Assessment-It's More Than Just Size-Up" Protect Yourself: Your Safety, Health and Survival Are Your Responsibility

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- Our Culture
- Staffing-Resources
- Safety System
- Timing-Sequencing
- Suppression Capabilities
  - Initial & Sustained
  - Skill Sets & Competencies
  - Training & Knowledge
  - Experience
  - Risk Management
  - Natural/ RPDM
  - Command & Control
  - Near Miss & Close Calls
  - History Repeating Events



What can you DO? Is Engagement an option?

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#### Structural Fire Engagement

- Are we committing to battle plans that are faulted?
- We Don't have Effective and expandable Battle Plans (IAP)
- Time is not (really) considered..."We almost have it chief...just a few more minutes..."
  - We're in places we shouldn't be- wrong place, wrong time, without a good reason...
  - Think about "Predictability of Performance"
  - Officers & Crews fail to recognize crucial situational awareness cues and factors...and don't React
  - Respect and understand the building, occupancy and inherent systems
  - Recognize and understand fire behavior, physics and science principles that affect your Decisions
  - Implement Dynamic Risk Assessment
  - Look beyond "basic" Size-Up
  - Think about the Engineered Systems or renovations that impact the bldg. performance or integrity



15 minutes later, Structural Collapse ?

Where are your companies?

#### BECOME SAFE....





- Building
- Evaluation
- Construction/Occupancy
- Operational Hazards
- Manage-Time & Elements
- Engagement
- Situational Awareness
- Assessment & Analysis
- Fire Behavior & Effects
- Evaluate & Execute





#### Dynamic Engagement

#### Risk Assessment Activities

- Use these activities to generate discussion and dialog
- Promote and foster different view points based upon job duties and functions
- Expand and add other questions to the images
- Discuss alternatives, expand the incident based upon other defined factors
- Use this opportunity to identify gaps and issues affecting your organization that may be brought out during discussions
- Think in different terms, think more about safety and not about the entertainment of fire suppression
- Think about that's the worst that can happen
- Think about this as if your life depended on it...

Risk, Situation, Demands, Tasks, Assignments...

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- Discuss the Immediate issues that are obvious.
- What don't you know?
- What is the Risk Profile?
- What are the operational concerns?
- What Safety considerations are you projecting?
- There are residential structures to the right of the intersection
  - How will this factor affect your IAP and tactics?
- How will fire dynamics (behavior) affect this evolving operation?
- What is the smoke and fire profile?
  - Read the Smoke, what's it telling you?
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  - For an injured firefighter?
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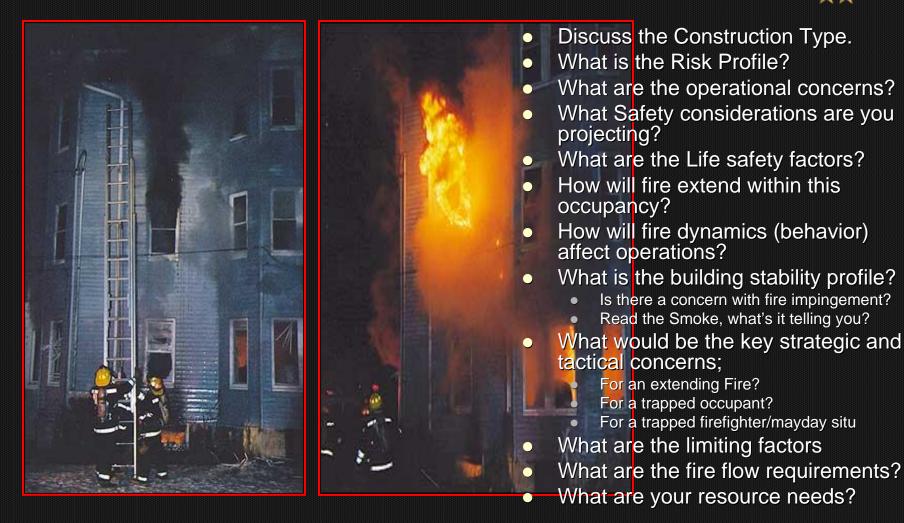
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- What are the roof operational factors?
- How will fire extend within a given rook system?
- How will fire dynamics (behavior) affect roof or interior operations?
- What is the building stability profile?
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  - Read the fire/smoke, what's it telling you?
- What would be the key strategic and tactical concerns;
  - For an extending Fire?
  - For a partial roof failure or collapse?
  - For a conventional versus trench roof cuts?
- What are the limiting factors?
- What resource are needed for a long gable roof (apt. bldg.) with no fire stops?







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- What changes if this was night time?
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- Discuss the Incident Profile?.
- What is the Risk Profile?
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- What are the Life safety factors?
- How will the fire affect structural stability of the bridge system?
- How will fire dynamics (behavior) affect overall operations?
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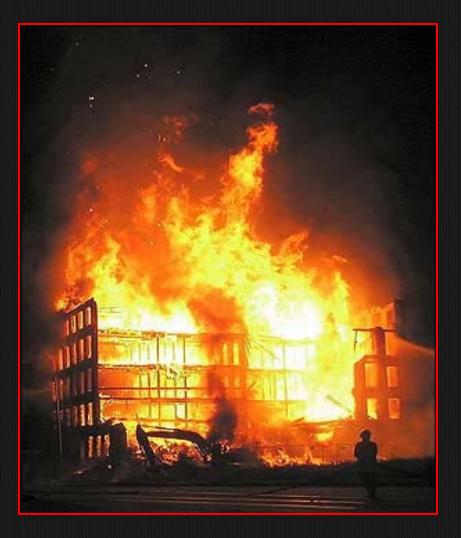






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- Structural Collapse Considerations?





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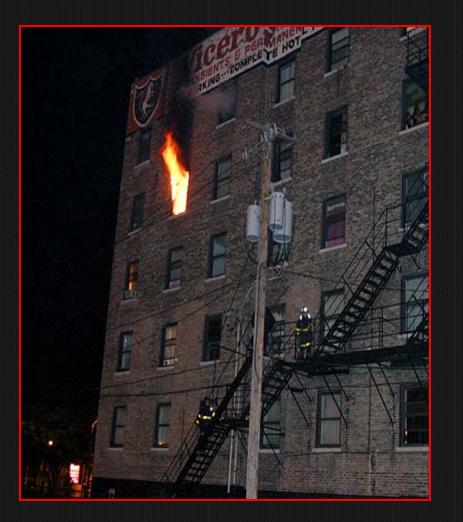
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- How will fire dynamics (behavior) affect operations?
- What would be the key strategic and tactical concerns;
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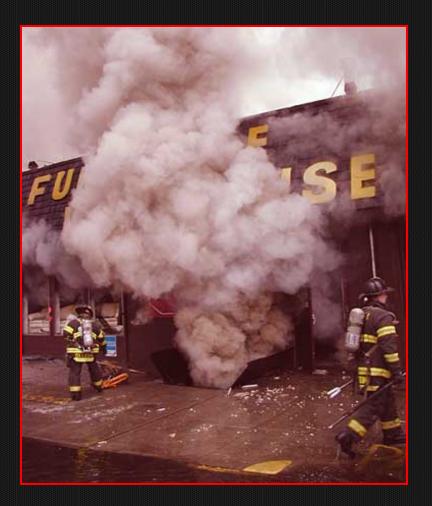
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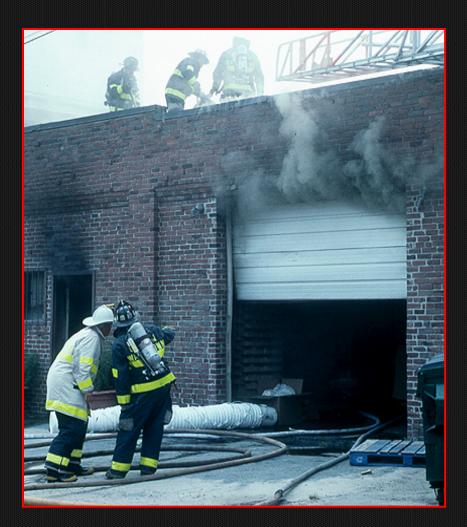
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### 10 Rules of Engagement 🐇

#### Acceptability of Risk

- 1. No Building or property is worth the life of a fire fighter
- 2. All interior fire fighting involves inherent risk
- 3. Some risk is acceptable, in a measured & controlled manner
- 4. No level of risk is acceptable where there is no potential to save lives or savable property
- 5. Fire Fighters shall not be committed to interior offensive operations in abandoned or derelict buildings

#### Risk Assessment

- 6. All Feasible measures shall be taken to limit or avoid risks through assessment by a qualified officer
- 7. The responsibility of the IC is to evaluate the level of risk in every situation
- 8. Risk assessment is a continuous process for the entire incident
- 9. If Conditions change, and risk increases-change the strategy & tactics
- **10.** No Building or property is worth the life of a fire fighter



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