

RED OAK FIRE RESCUE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR FIREFIGHTER SURVIVAL



No aspect of the safety, health, and survival focus of an organization is more powerful than the focus on the safety culture and leadership. Without attention to these two issues from everyone in the organization, every other safety initiative, activity, and program can be impacted.

Nothing of value in an organization survives long term without leadership at level of the organization. Safety conversation without leadership is nothing more than fads and slogans that do not produce results. Safety starts with individual leadership and spreads to teams, work units, and all other segments of the organization.

- **Size up your tactical area of operation.**
- **Determine the occupant survival profile.**
- **DO NOT risk your life for lives or property that cannot be saved**
- **Extend LIMITED risk to protect SAVABLE property.**
- **Extend vigilant and measured risk to protect and rescue SAVABLE lives.**
- **Go in together, stay together, and come out together.**
- **Maintain continuous awareness of your air supply, situation, location, and fire conditions.**
- **Constantly monitor fireground communications for critical radio reports.**
- **Report unsafe practices or conditions that can harm you. Stop, evaluate, and decide.**
- **Abandon your position and retreat before deteriorating conditions can harm you.**
- **Declare a Mayday as soon as you THINK you are in danger.**