

RED OAK FIRE RESCUE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR THE INCIDENT COMMANDER



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.

- **Rapidly conduct, or obtain, a 360-degree situational size-up of the incident.**
- **Determine the occupant survival profile.**
- **Conduct an initial risk assessment and implement a SAFE ACTION PLAN.**
- **If you do not have the resources to safely support and protect firefighters, seriously consider a defensive strategy.**
- **DO NOT risk firefighter lives or property that can't be saved. Seriously consider a defensive strategy.**
- **Extend LIMITED risk to protect SAVABLE property.**
- **Extend vigilant and measured risk to protect and rescue SAVABLE lives.**
- **Act upon reported unsafe practices and conditions that can harm firefighters. Stop, evaluate, and decide.**
- **Maintain communications, and keep all interior crews informed of changing conditions.**
- **Obtain frequent progress reports and revise the action plan.**
- **Ensure accurate accountability of all personnel locations and status.**
- **If after completing the primary search and little or no progress toward fire control has been achieved, seriously consider a defensive strategy.**
- **Always have a RIT in place on all working fires.**
- **Always have firefighter REHAB services in place on all working fires.**
- **MAINTAIN SITUATIONAL AWARENESS.**