Drill Ground Activity 3: Search Line Deployment

Description	This drill ground activity provides students with an opportunity to practice working as part of a RIC to deploy a search line during a rescue.
Timeframe	30 minutes
Students	Groups of up to 10 students
Materials	• Appropriate training structure • PASS device to simulate location of downed firefighter • Full turn out PPE • SCBA • Search line and anchoring equipment • Taglines • Radio • TIC (optional)
Site Preparation	• Ensure that site is free of all hazards.
Instructor Directions	1. Review the operation of the evolution and the desired outcome with participants. 2. Review safety considerations with participants. 3. Show participants the starting and ending points of the course. 4. Increase the complexity of scenarios as appropriate (no air, on air, decreased visibility, no visibility, etc.). 5. Ensure all participants are wearing full PPE. 6. Perform a final safety check prior to performing the evolution.

Student Directions	
1. Ensure search line is anchored appropriately outside structure. • Approximately 10 feet outside and 3 feet off ground • Exterior identifier showing at point of entry	

2. Place taglines in an easily accessible location. 3. Confirm radio channel. 4. Enter structure.	
5. RIC leader: Stop crew at an ideal location to determine where PASS device is sounding. • Use TIC if available.	
6. Deploy search line bag. • Ensure line is coming out front of primary search line bag. 7. Exit structure when search is completed, downed fire fighter is located, or lack of air.	
8. Wrap tagline around wrist or hand.	

9. Deploy tagline.	
10. Connect tagline to a metal ring on primary search line (if possible). • If RIC is not located at a ring and does not want to move to a ring, use a friction wrap.	
11. Rescuer deploying search line: Move past downed fire fighter and tie off or wrap search line. • 5 feet to one side, if possible, and past RIC • Keep search line out of the way while packaging downed fire fighter. • Ensure other crews deploying will be able to locate downed fire fighter.	
12. If a RIC is deploying into a structure and knows that the deployment area is meant for foot travel, allow the search line to follow the RIC without using a change of direction point.	

13. If deploying into an area that may not be meant for foot travel, use solid objects as change of direction point. • Do not take time to actually wrap or tie-off. • Do not use a chair or an object that will be moved by the search line.	