Drill Ground Activity 4: Oriented Search

Description	This drill ground activity provides students with an opportunity to practice performing an oriented search a RIC to locate a downed fire fighter.
Timeframe	1 hour
Students	Groups of up to 10 students
Materials	• Appropriate training structure • Simulated downed firefighter with SCBA • Hose line • Rope • TIC • Full turn out PPE • SCBA
Site Preparation	• Ensure the site is free of all hazards. • The course must include the ability to orient using hoseline, rope, wall, and TIC.

Instructor Directions	1. Review the operation of the evolution and the desired outcome with participants.
	  • Crew leader will determine the search method and positional assignments for crew members.
	  • Ensure that the plan is communicated to all members and Incident Command.
	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. Listen for MAYDAY transmission.
2. RIC Leader: Identify point of entry for RIC deployment.
3. RIC Leader: Determine search method (hose line, rope line, wall, TIC) and positional assignments of crew members.
4. RIC Leader: Communicate method, point of entry, and number of members deploying to Incident Command.
5. Properly anchor search rope outside of structure (if applicable).
6. Enter the structure.
7. Maintain orientation throughout the search, effectively utilizing all crew members.
8. Utilize R.O.A.M. to monitor crew air levels.
9. Perform periodic pauses to listen for PASS device and scan with thermal imaging camera.
10. Exit the structure when search is completed, downed fire fighter is located, or lack of air.