Drill Ground Activity 1: Size Up and Soften a Structure

Description	This drill ground activity provides students with an opportunity to practice sizing up and softening a structure to prepare for RIC operations.
Timeframe	30 minutes
Students	Groups of up to 10 students
Materials	• Appropriate training structure • Fire service ladders • Extension ladders • Flashlights • Saws • Hand tools • Full turn out PPE • SCBA
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 starting and ending points of the course. 4. Ensure all participants are wearing full PPE. 5. Perform a final safety check prior to performing the evolution.

Student Directions
1. Perform size up • 360° of the structure including use of TIC • Occupancy and type • Building construction • Structural triage • Note any additions or remodels • Note any other hazards or fire conditions present or changing
2. Soften structure • Communicate with Operations and Command • Remove security bars and doors • Create openings using existing doors and windows • Place a box light, turned on, in openings to denote an exit • Throw additional ladders to the roof (minimum two ladders at all times) • Place ladders to all floors of the operation