Drill Ground Activity 20: Attic Rescue

Description	This drill ground activity provides students with an opportunity to practice rescuing a downed fire fighter from an attic environment.
Timeframe	1 hour
Students	Groups of up to 10 students Complete operations as a four-person team
Materials	• Appropriate training structure • Fire service ladder (if required by prop) • Fall protection system • Hose line • Hand tools • Rope bag/tag line • Simulated downed firefighter in full PPE • 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.
	  • Deploy a hose line to support the rescue under fire conditions. Take the appropriate ladder to the floor below, create a hole in ceiling or utilize scuttles to access the attic space and locate the fire fighter.
	  • The downed fire fighter will be unconscious, and PASS will be sounding. Perform a PAC-CAN assessment and SCBA conversion.
	  • Lower Fire fighter feet first to rescuers below and move out of the building utilizing any approved drag methods. Keep command updated of your progress.
	2. Review safety considerations with participants.
	3. Review fall protection system with all personnel/students.
	4. Assign personnel/students to appropriate fall protection positions.
	5. Show participants starting and ending points of the course.
	6. Increase the complexity of scenarios as appropriate (no air, on air, decreased visibility, no visibility, etc.).
	7. Ensure all participants are wearing full personal protective equipment.
	8. Ensure all students are wearing a full-body harness attached to a safety line in accordance with fall protection system requirements.
	9. Perform a final safety check prior to performing the evolution.

Student Directions
1. Listen to MAYDAY! transmission.
2. Select appropriate tools including appropriate ladder and rapidly deploy.

3. Rescuers #1and #2: Access the attic space and locate the fire fighter.
4. Rescuer #1: Perform PAC-CAN.
5. Rescuer #1: Perform SCBA waist strap conversion.
6. Rescuer #2: If downed fire fighter is far from the scuttle, open a hole in the ceiling near the downed fire fighter. • May need to brake or cut out a joist to enlarge the opening.
7. Rescuer #3, #4: Reposition below the hole created near downed fire fighter or below scuttle.
8. Rescuer #1, #2: Rotate the fire fighter onto their stomach with feet towards the hole or scuttle.
9. Lower into the hole feet first utilizing the shoulder straps.
10. Rescuer #3, #4: Lower the fire fighter to the floor.