Drill Ground Activity 17: Below Grade Rescue Using a Ladder

Description	This drill ground activity provides students with an opportunity to practice using a ladder to rescue a downed fighter from a below grade location.
Timeframe	1 hour
Students	Group of up to 10 students working in three- or four-member teams
Materials	• Appropriate training prop • Simulated downed firefighter in full PPE • Hoseline and water supply (for fire protection • Ladder • 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. 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 to MAYDAY! Transmission.
2. Select appropriate tools and rapidly deploy.
3. Bring charged hoseline and ladder to floor above downed fire fighter.
4. Flow water continuously while operating on floor above downed fire fighter.
5. Locate hole the down fire fighter fell through.
6. Flow water into hole around downed fire fighter.
7. Travel ladder through hole to downed firefighter and perform PAC CAN.
8. Remove downed fire fighter from hole. • Call for additional help in PAC CAN if needed. • Supplement downed fire fighter with EBSS or RIC pack (if applicable).
9. Assist disoriented downed fire fighter up ladder.
10. Assist disoriented fire fighter out of building.
11. Inform command that RIC and downed fire fighter have left building.