Calling Mayday

Format: Groups of up to 10 students (instructor guided)

Time Frame: 15 minutes

Description
This instructor-guided activity provides students with an opportunity to practice initiating a Mayday call.

Materials
- Full turn out PPE

Instructions
Demonstrate the following actions and have students mirror and then practice:
1. Identify the need to call Mayday.
2. Initiate the Mayday.
3. Locate radio or mic.
4. Depress Push to Talk (PTT) button.
5. Depress Emergency Activation Button (EAB) if unable to access radio/mic or verbalize Mayday.
6. State “MAYDAY! MAYDAY! MAYDAY!”.
7. Pause for acknowledgement of the Mayday.
8. If no response, repeat “MAYDAY! MAYDAY! MAYDAY!”.
9. Pause for acknowledgement of the Mayday.
10. If no response, consider transmitting a Mayday call using dispatch frequency.
11. Transmit “Who, What, Where, Air” information.
    - Who am I?
    - What is the emergency?
    - Where am I?
    - How much air do I have left?
12. Once critical information has been acknowledged, activate PASS device.
13. Initiate self-survival skills