Drill Ground Activity 1: Call Mayday

Description	This skill station provides students with an opportunity to practice issuing a Mayday call.
Timeframe	5 minutes
Students	Individual
Materials	• Radio • Full turn out PPE • SCBA • Product to obscure vision (Glad® Press'n Seal® or equivalent)
Site Preparation	• Ensure site is free of all hazards.
Instructor Directions	1. This skill should be demonstrated at every skill station but only needs to be evaluated once. • Different skill stations should present different challenges (heat, obscured vision, etc.) for students to work through during MAYDAY calls. 2. Adjust this activity as needed to meet AHJ policies and procedures. 3. Review the operation of the evolution and the desired outcome with participants. 4. Review safety considerations with participants. 5. Show participants starting and ending points of the course. 6. Ensure all participants are wearing full personal protective equipment. 7. Perform a final safety check prior to performing the evolution.

Student Directions
1. Identify the need to call Mayday

2. Initiate the Mayday
  • Locate radio or mic
  • Depress Push to Talk (PTT) button
  • Depress Emergency Activation Button (EAB) if unable to access radio/mic or verbalize Mayday

3. State "MAYDAY! MAYDAY! MAYDAY!"   • Pause for acknowledgement of the Mayday
4. If no response, repeat "MAYDAY! MAYDAY! MAYDAY!"   • Pause for acknowledgement of the Mayday
5. If no response, transmit a MAYDAY using appropriate AHJ emergency activation protocols
6. Transmit "Who, What, Where, Air" information
7. Activate PASS device
8. Initiate self-survival skills