

## **Economy of Force at Extrication Incidents**

Economy of Force is one of the nine Principles of War based on early theories and continues to be a key component of modern-day warfare. It is the principle of employing all available combat power in the most effective way possible and the judicious employment and distribution of forces towards the primary objective. Through three key components, training, preparation, and emergency operations, we will explore how to apply Economy of Force to successfully mitigate an extrication incident and ultimately have a positive patient outcome. This presentation initially discusses how certain methodologies in training are necessary to set the groundwork for a confident response to real world incidents. Once students understand the development of necessary knowledge and skills, the focus will turn to preparing apparatus and equipment for timely deployment and utilization. Lastly on scene set up, command structure, strategies, and tactics will be broken down in depth to ensure all the preparation is put to the most economical use. Through this principal, the force applied to the next extrication incident will quickly overwhelm even the toughest challenges.