

Tactical Considerations for Volunteer Fire Departments

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This presentation will identify fifteen basic tactical considerations to help chief officers, line officers, and firefighters of volunteer fire departments to prepare, train, and prioritize fireground tasks. These tactical considerations will help volunteer firefighters get started in the early stages of a structure fire and help them maintain a pro-active incident. Many times, there are enough firefighters at the beginning of the incident to accomplish all the necessary tasks on the fire ground. Effectiveness is lost, and firefighter safety is compromised because on the scene, personnel fail to follow guidelines, lack the necessary training, and try to perform too many task rather than prioritize and complete them. The tactical considerations taught are based on successful and unsuccessful experiences on the fire ground and nationally recognized fireground principles and practices. This presentation will aid the student in developing operational guidelines, training, and how to prioritize and accomplish fireground tasks by dissecting and examining the tactical considerations. Fire ground pictures and videos will be used to reinforce concepts taught. The practices and concepts taught are effective, safe, inexpensive, and can be applied immediately.