

Fairfield Regional Fire School

Overcoming Common Company Mistakes and Fireground Problems



A good firefighter or fire officer is not judged solely on his ability to make a good decision at the right time, he is also judged on his ability to correct a mistake or problem when it occurs.

This program breaks these issues down into two categories: mistakes and problems. Mistakes are man made errors that can be corrected before the fire through experience and proper training. Problems are unexpected issues that arise and are out of our control but need to get fixed immediately.

Getting the initial attack line in place is without a doubt the most efficient means of bringing a fire under control and has saved more lives than any other tactic. The initial attack line placement can make or break a fire and be the reason we are on scene for either 30 minutes or 3 hours; make a good stop or

burn down a house; save a life or have a fatality.

There are many decisions that need to be made when stretching the initial attack line: Size? Length? Nozzle type? Stretch dry or charged? These are all questions that need to be decided on in a matter of seconds, there is no time for debate or discussion.

Once these decisions have been made a multitude of unexpected problems can be encountered which can either be overcome in short order or completely ruin an operation. In this class we will discuss the most common problems and mistakes engine companies make when stretching the initial attack line and how to overcome these issues. This class was developed after a 2-alarm fire in the City of New Haven where I received 3rd degree burns while operating as the nozzleman. A person was trapped on the second floor of a 2 ½ story wood frame duplex and many problems discussed during this class were encountered and overcome. Due to the quick thinking of many of the members on scene that night and great leadership by the company and chief officers a successful rescue was made and the building was saved. Many of the other problems and mistakes that are discussed I have witnessed during my 25 years in the fire service.



Jason Rivera is a 25-year veteran of the fire service, serving in both career and volunteer departments. He currently works for the New Haven, CT FD and is assigned as the chauffeur of Squad Company 2. He has been a fire service instructor for over 14 years and teaches regularly across the Northeast and beyond including at the FDIC. Jason is the co-owner/founder of the fire service training company NorthEast Squad Concepts, which specializes in “squad disciplines” such as engine company operations, vehicle extrication, rope rescue and RIT. In 2016, Jason received the Ray Downey Courage and Valor Award at FDIC after receiving 2nd and 3rd degree burns on both his legs, waist and wrist while operating at a structure fire in New Haven where a successful rescue was made. Jason is also a Rescue Specialist for the Massachusetts Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 1 (MATF-1) and holds the rank of Assistant Chief for the Newtown Hook and Ladder Fire Company in Newtown, CT where he volunteers for the community he lives in.



Location:

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205 Richard White Way
Fairfield, CT 06824
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205 One Rod Highway)

Course Date:

Wednesday,
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Course Times:

6:30-9:30 pm

Fee:

\$35 per student

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