TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

Risk Management: It's Your Call

Date:_____

Shift:_____

Dept:_____

Station:_____

Training Code:_____

NOTES:

FOCUS: It's important for fire departments to be aware of changes in the occupancy in the buildings in your community. Overnight a strip mall can become an industrial complex! We must be alert to changes in the areas we serve for the protection of the community as well as emergency services providers.

CHALLENGE

Firefighting exposes us to a variety of dangers. Areas change quickly from light industrial to more exotic operations with more hazards. Also, industrial complexes can house a variety of tenants with varied exposures and risks. A fire in one area can create big problems for firefighters due to what's going on next door!

Companies often are sold or change their manufacturing ingredients to maintain a competitive edge. It's important fire departments continue to monitor the growth and changes in the communities you serve.

A large "industrial" fire is raging. The area is located in close proximity to the downtown area. This fire is located on an important street for exiting the downtown area. It is close to the end of the business day.

You have arrived at this scene. It's your call!

DISCUSSION

- How do you become aware of occupancy changes in the communities you serve?
- What's our protocol in a situation like this?
- What personnel safety issues come to mind?
- What concerns do you have about the general public and evacuation that may be necessary?
- How prepared is your department equipped to fight a chemical fire?
- Discuss how you would proceed with staging?
- You are the safety officer, what instructions do you have for your crew?
- What are your concerns as the incident commander?

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