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Below is information to help you score in the top percentile on your tactical examination. This is the playbook on what the assessors are looking for in an Assessment Center tactical exercise.

These strategies have been developed by experts in the field who have helped thousands of firefighters increase their score and gain their promotion!

At our website, www.FirePrep.com, under Fire Department Assessment Center Exam Preparation, we have in-depth Assessment Center Exam Prep to put you in the top percentile over your competition and get that coveted officer badge - good luck!

MY STRATEGIES FOR THIS INCIDENT WILL BE:

- My strategies** – life safety is number one, fire control, incident stabilization, property conservation.

MY TACTICS FOR THIS INCIDENT WILL BE:

- I will perform a risk/benefit analysis, including a 360° of the occupancy with thermal imaging camera looking for other hazards, and set up my incident command.
- First engine on scene is going to leave the front of the building for the ladder company
- Secure hydrant for primary and secondary water supply
- First hoseline going to seat of the fire from the unburned side of the occupancy for confinement and extinguishment.
- Second hoseline into the occupancy, used for backup for safety and crews on the first line and protect search and rescue efforts.
- Primary and secondary search and rescue for civilian life hazard, with thermal imaging camera
- Have a secondary means of egress, doing forcible entry and putting ladders up on the occupancy
- Ventilation to remove heat and gases
- Protect exposures to limit spread to adjacent occupancies and surrounding area
- Overhaul for opening up walls, ceilings and cockloft area, checking for extension
- Salvage operations to limit damage
- Notified dispatch to contact police, electrical and gas company, and have them report to the scene
- Designate a Rapid Intervention Team and call for additional ambulances for transport
- I'm going to have benchmarks reported back to me when duties are completed
- Designate a Staging Officer and companies I'm not using I will put into Staging

MY SAFETY CONCERNS FOR PERSONNEL AND GENERAL PUBLIC ARE:

- Life safety and accountability are my first priorities. I'm to insure that we keep the 2 in/2 out rule. All members dressed in full Personal Protective Equipment, using SCBA while in hazardous atmospheres, PASS device deployed, and on the correct tactical channel.
- I'm going to get a PAR every 20 minutes and request continual progress reports from crews working on the scene.
- Assign a RIT team and safety officer.
- Have a secondary means of egress and will be protecting exposures.
- Get correct benchmarks from companies when tasks are completed.
- Contacted the police for traffic, crowd control and securing the area.
- I will call for Red Cross for citizens and set up a medical and firefighter rehab sector.
- Have a Plan B if structural integrity of the building looks questionable and have a collapse zone.

Important Tactical Information for Mayday/Firefighter Missing or Trapped

- Announce Mayday and location of Mayday over all tactical channels and to Dispatch. This must be stated!
- Request next multiple alarm – triple 3 alarm with 3 additional ambulances – to this location. This must be stated!
- Request PAR from all companies on the scene. This must be stated!
- Order RIT into area where firefighter is either trapped or missing with RIT pack and thermal imaging camera for primary search. They will be assisted by a rescue squad and ladder company. This must be stated!
- Replace original RIT with a backup RIT. This must be stated!

Once the fire is under control and everyone on the scene has been accounted for, I will conduct a pre-assessment overhaul to make sure the structure is safe and rotate companies through firefighter rehab. I'm going to order companies into both occupancies to conduct a secondary search, conduct overhaul by opening walls and checking for extension, salvage operations, get control of utilities, and get benchmarks back when duties are completed. **(Important Note – Make sure to repeat this whether you have one occupancy or two!)**

CONCLUSION/WRAP-UP

- When my battalion chief arrives on the scene, I will do a face-to-face transfer of command. I'll let them know what actions we took, what issues we had, any resources I still need.
- I'm going to notify the battalion:
 - what utilities we controlled and notified
 - Fire Investigative Unit to determine cause of the fire
 - Red Cross for citizens and firefighter rehab
 - Police Department to secure the scene
- I will call for board up, placarding of the building(s), and contact the Building Department because of dangerous conditions.
- I am going to put companies safely in service and make sure all equipment is ready to respond to the next alarm.
- I will be doing a tactical review back at the station with firefighters on the scene and talk about what went right and what went wrong and what we can do differently the next incident.

If the incident involves a firefighter down, the below statement can be used if time permits:

- In addition, call for a critical incident stress debriefing because of the Mayday situation with the downed firefighter.