



Fire Protection Training

Procedures Handbook 4300

STRUCTURE FIRES

TOPIC: Two In – Two Out Rule

TIME FRAME: 1 hour

LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION: Level II

BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE:

Condition: A written examinations

Behavior: The student will confirm a knowledge of what the two in – two out rule is and when to apply it

Standard: With a minimum 70% accuracy according to the information contained in the student information sheet

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Writing board
- Pens
- erasers

REFERENCES:

- Temporary Directive 98-9
- CDF Health and Safety Handbook 1700
- NAFER Newsletter, January 1998

PREPARATION: Interior operations in environments with atmospheres that are immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH) can be an immediate safety risk to the crews operating in these environments. Structure fires are probably the most common IDLH environment you will encounter. Legislation at both the Federal and State level has been enacted in an attempt to minimize the risk of death or injury in IDLH environments. In order to provide the greatest amount of protection and to minimize these risks, it is very important for all firefighters to be familiar with what the two in – two out rule is and when it does and does not apply.



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PRESENTATION	APPLICATION
<p>I. TWO IN – TWO OUT RULE</p> <p>A. Federal and state regulation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. OSHA2. Cal-OSHA <p>B. Department policy</p> <p>C. Requires certain actions be taken when operating in I.D.L.H. atmospheres</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I.D.L.H. stands for immediately dangerous to life and health2. Structure fires past the incipient stage are considered to have I.D.L.H. atmospheres<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Incipient stage<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Initial or beginning stage2) Can be put out with an extinguisherb) Free burning<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Beyond incipient stage2) Needs a hoseline to be extinguished3. All firefighters will wear S.C.B.A.s in I.D.L.H. atmospheres	<p>Student Information Sheet #1</p> <p>Student Information Sheet #2</p> <p>What is I.D.L.H.?</p>



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<p>4. The buddy system will be used. The firefighters in the I.D.L.H. atmosphere will remain in voice and/or visual contact</p> <p>a) Radios are not acceptable contact between the firefighters using the buddy system</p> <p>5. Voice, visual, radio or signal communications will be maintained between those firefighters inside the I.D.L.H. atmosphere and those firefighters outside the I.D.L.H. atmosphere</p> <p>6. At least two firefighters, trained, equipped, and available to provide effective rescue will be located outside the I.D.L.H. atmosphere</p> <p>a) The I.C.'s identification term for this group is Rapid Intervention Crew</p> <p>b) Other agencies may identify this group differently, i.e., R.I.T., Rapid Intervention Team</p> <p>c) One of the R.I.C. firefighters is responsible to account for and, if necessary, initiate a firefighter rescue while interior team firefighters are within an I.D.L.H. atmosphere</p> <p>Note: This firefighter cannot be assigned to any other duties during this time</p> <p>d) The other identified R.I.C. firefighter may be assigned to an additional role as long as</p>	<p>Are radios acceptable contact?</p> <p>Are there other identifications for this group?</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">1) They can perform assistance or rescue activities to interior team2) It does not jeopardize the safety or health of other firefighters working at the locatione) The Incident Commander must be notified before the R.I.C. makes entry to perform rescue	
<p>II. EXCEPTIONS TO THE TWO IN – TWO OUT RULE</p> <p>A. Immediate action is required to try to prevent loss of life or serious injury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. The rule is suspended2. ECC must be notified that this action is being taken3. ECC must notify responding resources that an entry is in progress4. Responding resources shall provide the necessary rescue support and backup on arrival5. No other exceptions are allowed	

Written Quiz

TWO IN/TWO OUT RULE

SUMMARY:

The two in – two out rule was made because of the inherent danger when performing incident operations in an I.D.L.H. atmosphere. In order for the two in – two out rule to be effective, firefighters need to be completely familiar with all aspects of the rule.

EVALUATION:

A written quiz.

ASSIGNMENT:

To be determined by instructor (s).