

“New Rules of Engagement for Firefighter Safety”

The law enforcement and military communities long ago developed rules of engagement regarding the use of deadly force, which have proven to be highly successful. It is believed that a similar concept for the fire service would prevent firefighter fatalities. For the past two years the IAFC’s Safety, Health and Safety Section has been developing a set of “Rules of Engagement for Firefighting” that will be offered to the fire service as model procedures. Two sets of “Rules” have been developed – one for firefighters and another for the incident commander. This class will present the latest draft as it approaches expected approval at the FRI conference in Chicago of August 2010.



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