



**Fire Training Toolbox "Free Training for Firefighters"**

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Six Essential Training Sessions  
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For some departments, time to complete training is very limited. What topics would you cover? The following is a list and method of how to complete critical training on a reduced budget and timeframe. With proper planning and setup, performing these trainings in 2-3 hours is possible. These skills are essential to every fire department. Combine subjects into a single session to save time. This format also creates a more realistic feel. Train on these six subjects based on local protocols. If you need details on conducting some of these please contact me at [huston@engineco22.net](mailto:huston@engineco22.net)

- 1. Tools and Equipment**
- 2. Technical/Special Rescue**
- 3. Hoselines and Water Supply**
- 4. SCBA and Firefighter Survival**
- 5. Roadway and Vehicle Emergencies**
- 6. Fireground Support Functions**

**Tools/Equipment** – Setup various tool stations to review the tools your department uses.

- Saws
  - Use, maintenance, and storage.
- Tools
  - Review your tools.
- Ventilation
  - Provide opportunity to cut with saws/axes and discuss when, where and why we vent.
- Rope and Knots
  - Review knots for hoisting tools.

**Technical/Special Rescue**

- Provide training on any special services you provide

**Line Deployment and Water Supply** – provide stations that students rotate through.

- Pulling, Stretching and flowing the line
- Hydrant Operations
- Water Tender Operations
- Drafting Operations



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**Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and Firefighter Survival** – progress through steps from donning to crawling through obstacles to build confidence.

- SCBA
  - Donning
  - Doffing
  - Blind Donning
  - Emergency Procedure
- MAYDAY Procedure
- Confidence course

**Roadway, Vehicle Operations, Emergency Medical Care, Blood borne Pathogens** – create a scenario in which students can rotate. While providing medical care use “catsup blood” to provide an exposure and reinforce Blood borne exposure policies.

- Extrication
- Patient Handling
- First Aid
- Blood borne Pathogens
- Traffic Control

**Fireground Support Functions** – using the training tower or station incorporate these elements into a drill.

- Ladders
- Incident Command
- Communications
- Utility Control