

Firefighting Tactics

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Basic Divisions of Firefighting Tactics

Size Up or Estimate of the Situation

Is the mental evaluation made by the operational officer in charge of a fire or other emergency which enables him to determine his course of action and to accomplish his mission.

1. **Rescue** – Includes those operations which are required to remove human beings from an involved building or other hazardous situation and convey them to a place of safety.
2. **Exposures** – Includes those operations which are required to prevent a fire from extending to uninvolved buildings or separate units.
3. **Confinement** – Includes those operations which are required to prevent a fire from extending to uninvolved sections of a building.
4. **Extinguishment** – Includes those operations which are required in attacking and extinguishing the main body of fire.
5. **Overhaul** – Includes those operations which are required to complete the extinguishment of remaining fire, prevent rekindling and to place the building in a safe condition.
 - A. **Ventilation** – Includes those operations which are required to displace a heated and confined atmosphere within an involved building with normal air from the outside atmosphere.
 - B. **Salvage** – Includes those operations which are required to protect buildings and contents from preventable damage due to water or other elements.