



Rogers Fire Department
Minimum Company Standards
SOP 142, FORM 90



GAIN ACCESS INTO A WINDOW USING A GROUND LADDER

Reference: NFPA 1001, 5.3.6 2008 Edition

JPR Identification:

Purpose: The purpose of this standard is to enhance the firefighter's ability to gain access into a structure using a ground ladder. For this skill, firefighters will be given the task of gaining access into a window and onto a roof using ground ladders. Without assistance, two firefighters will select the proper ladder from a group of different ladders and carry and raise the ladder so that it may be used for the assigned tasks. All members of the crew should be proficient in their responsibilities as well as understand the duties of the other crew members. This understanding will allow them to function better as a team and enable members to function in different capacities within the crew.

Performance Outcome: Firefighters will be able to select, carry, and raise a ladder for access into a window. These evolutions shall be completed while wearing appropriate PPE for the given situation. There are no established timeframes for these evolutions as the specific props or course may be adjusted to fit the needs of the company.
Note: this evolution may be adjusted by the company officer to fit the need of his / her specific crew members.

Materials Required: Extension Ladder
Hand Tools
Note: It is the discretion of the company officer what props and configuration are utilized for this company skill.

Critical Teaching Points:

1. The company officer should demonstrate the skills and techniques for ladder placement based on the given situation:
 - a. Alonside Window
 - b. Tip even with the bottom of the window
 - c. Tip at bottom edge of window (rescue)
2. The company officer should reinforce the techniques utilized by Rogers Fire Department these techniques are standardized and should be utilized
3. The firefighters should understand ladder placement based on various situations and building types
4. Remind firefighters about the importance of placement based on the given situation and that being proactive in placement is critical
5. Be mindful of hazards such as overhead obstructions and ladder footing.
6. The evolution may be adjusted to meet the needs of the crew or to address any specific deficiencies that have been identified at the discretion of the company officer.
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1. Ensure that all personal protective equipment is appropriately donned and secure before starting the evolutions
2. Select ladder that can perform task safely and effectively.
3. Carry and place ladder according to objective. Climb ladder while carrying tools to window or roof.
 - a. Enter into a window
 - b. Tip slightly below sill and centered
 - c. Stay as low as possible while entering through window
 - d. Assess floor conditions prior to stepping into room
 - e. Access to the Roof of a Building
 - Several feet above edge of roof (about 5 rungs)
 - Assess roof condition prior to stepping onto roof
4. Gain access and then return to ladder and descend.
5. The company officer should ensure the proper angle is utilized for the given situation and that the ladder is properly secured and heeled at all times.
6. 65-75% is the proper ladder angle
7. Firefighters climbing the ladder should maintain three points of contact at all times.
8. All tasks should be completed with a sense of urgency.
9. Complete all tasks within the allotted timeframe (evaluations only)

