



Rogers Fire Department Minimum Company Standards SOP 142, FORM 90

ATTIC ACCESS / JOIST MANEUVERING

Reference:

JPR Identification:

Purpose: The purpose of this exercise is to increase the firefighter's ability to work in an attic area. For this skill, firefighters will be given the task of gaining access into an attic and maneuvering across the joists. All members of the crew should be proficient in their responsibilities as well as understand the duties of the other crew members. This is intended to teach techniques with maneuvering through joist and gaining access to an attic.

Performance Outcome: Firefighters will be able to identify different ways to gain access into an attic. They will also be expected to show that they are able to move on joists through an attic. These evolutions shall be completed while wearing appropriate PPE for the given situation. There are no established time frames for these evolutions. *Note: this evolution may be adjusted by the company officer to fit the need of his / her specific crew members.*

Materials Required:

PPE
SCBA
Joist Prop
Attic Ladder

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 all techniques that are involved in gaining access to attic and maneuvering along the joists.
2. The company officer should reinforce the techniques utilized by Rogers Fire Department. If these techniques are standardized they should be utilized.
3. The firefighters should demonstrate the ability to gain access with full PPE through an attic opening using an attic ladder.
4. Firefighters should be able to demonstrate movement along the prop without falling through the spaces between the joists or off the prop itself.
5. The evolution may be altered to fit the needs of the Company Offices at the officer's discretion.

Attic Access / Joist Maneuvering

1. Firefighters will begin the exercise in full PPE, however they are not required to be on air.
2. Firefighters will set the attic ladder up and demonstrate knowledge that we do not use civilian ladders due to weight restrictions.
3. Firefighters will maneuver themselves through the opening in the training tower while wearing an SCBA.
4. Firefighters will then exit the training tower and move to the attic/joist prop.
5. The firefighter will then climb up through the hole in the end of the prop.
6. Next, the firefighter will crawl across the joist and down through another hole.
7. The firefighter will climb up through another hole.
8. Last, the firefighter will crawl across and down through a different hole in the prop.
9. All tasks should be completed with a sense of urgency.