

Size-up Facts

Size-up of an incident includes many factors. Understanding these factors allows the officer to implement a safe and effective incident management plan. One part of the size-up includes an analysis of Incident Facts; things that are indisputable and relatively certain. Once you identify the incident facts listed below, you should be able to begin to make decisions about your initial course of action. Based on your department operations, personnel, equipment and community factors (also known as the department situation), discuss how these Incident Facts affect your initial actions.

Discuss how INCIDENT FACTS influence your size-up and initial scene actions.

Fact	How fact influences fire attack, size-up or initial actions
Time of Day	
Incident location	
Weather	
Nature of the emergency	
Topography	
Water supply quantity and condition	
Size of structure	
Amount of fire / smoke present	
Building Involved	
Life Hazard (Firefighter and Civilian)	



Weekly Fire Drill Instructor Tip

- ◆ Use fire service magazine covers or department fire scene photos for this training session. Ask your companies; "If this was our fire, how would we size it up based on incident facts listed above?"

