What Else Could We Be Doing?
Some RIT members often feel that just standing by does not accomplish much. IC’s also feel that to have RIT just stand-by wastes manpower. In reality, we never want to deploy RIT as it means firefighters are in a life endangering situation. When RIT is done completing its primary tasks, there are addition support level tasks that can be completed. It is important thought that these secondary tasks do not take RIT away from its standby entry points or require them to enter the hot zone or IDLH. These secondary tasks are also objectives that can support the fireground operations as well as assist in potential RIT deployments.

Secondary Tasks for RIT
- Secure utilities
- Perform horizontal ventilation
  - While opening doors & windows
  - Use caution and coordinate with IC
- Open the rear of structure
- Unblock potential areas of egress
- Place ladders for egress / access of structure
- Monitor fire conditions and smoke
- Identify building construction problems
- Identify additional tool needs
- Continue to monitor radio transmissions for crew locations and conditions
- Feed hose lines to interior crews
- Count couplings to determine distance into building
- Consult with Operations, Incident Safety Officer and IC on incident activities
- Keep an eye on the clock, how long have crews been operating inside, what is fire progress and conditions over time
- Recheck your tools, are you ready to deploy?