Weekly Fire Drill

The engine company takes its line to the top of the stairs leading to the basement. Search teams proceed upstairs to the bedrooms. Search teams operating above the fire are at great risk. Ladders should be raised to second-floor windows as soon as personnel are available, and personnel must be advised immediately of fire extension or if the engine company is unable to control the fire.

Hoseline goes through the front door to the top of the basement stairs; checks for upward extension and protects search personnel. Search teams are dispatched to second-floor bedrooms, searching along the hoseline as it is advanced down the hallway.

The fire blocks stairway access and egress from the second floor. Search teams bypass the fire by locating, entering, and searching bedrooms from the windows. Doors are closed immediately to isolate the bedrooms from fire.

Rescuers locate, enter, and search the bedrooms from the windows.

Fire blocks the stairwell, preventing occupants from escaping and rescuers from gaining access to the bedrooms. Engine company fights its way in, to protect the stairway.

Review and discuss department procedures for PRIMARY SEARCH operations.

- Describe crew accountability and communication
- How does primary search differ from secondary search, which is completed when?