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TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

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Weekly Drill Series

This 3-hour course is being held on the following date and time:

"It's Up That Driveway": October 6th 1900-2200

Westchester's weekly drill series is designed to enhance the skillset of Fire Service personnel operating at a wide range of incident types. Drills will be conducted during the week and will rotate through key subject areas. Through a combination of discussion-based learning and hands on training, this program empowers firefighters and officers to both initiate and facilitate daily drills at their home departments. Each session is thoughtfully designed to supplement your departments existing training schedule, while providing practical drills that participants can take back and implement.

"It's up that driveway": Operational Challenges of Long Driveway Fires

Long driveways present unique challenges for responding fire departments. In many suburban communities, large residential structures are located well off the roadway, creating significant challenges for arriving companies and incident commanders. This program examines the operational considerations associated with fires in structures located at the end of long driveways and provides firefighters and officers with practical strategies for identifying and overcoming these challenges.

Topics Covered:

- Identifying the Problem: What constitutes a "long driveway"?
- Command & Control
- Access & Egress
- Apparatus Placement
- Communications
- Fire Attack
- Water Supply: Hydrant Operations and Tanker Operations
- Search Operations
- Ventilation
- FAST/RIT Operations
- EMS Operations
- Pre-Planning

While these structures may not initially appear to present significant challenges, their location can create numerous operational problems for responding companies. Limited access, apparatus placement, water supply, communications, and egress can all become critical factors during an incident. This program will provide firefighters and officers with greater awareness of the challenges associated with fires at the end of long driveways and practical strategies to prepare for and manage those challenges effectively.

Target audience: Fire Service Personnel

Prerequisites: ***Students are required to register for each class. Students who are not registered will be turned away!***

Registration: Pre-registration is mandatory. Walk-ins are not permitted. Make sure you have completed any pre-requisite courses. To register go to: Weekly Drill Series

Class size is limited to 20/30 (min/max) students.

Venue: Westchester County DES Training Center, 4 Dana Rd. Grasslands Campus., Valhalla, New York. All students are able to park in the lot adjacent to the Support Services Building located at 35 Walker Road.