

### FF Survival Tips #1



#### Tips to Keep Firefighters Alive-Hoseline Operations

- When stretching a hose line to an upper floor of a building, do not pass a floor on fire unless a charged hoseline is in position on that floor.
- When climbing or descending a stairway between the fire floor and the floor above, stay close to and face to wall. Heat, smoke and flame rise vertically up the stairwell.
- Crouch down and keep one leg outstretched in front of you when advancing an attack hoseline in a smoke filled fire room. Proceed slowly, supporting your body weight with your rear leg. Your outstretched leg will feel any hole or opening in the floor deck in your path of advance.
- Bleed air off lines prior to entry and before you need to use the stream. Make sure the pattern is right and you have the right tip pressure.
- Never pass a kinked hoseline on the fireground. Always stop and straighten it out for the members operating at the other end. They will do the same for you someday.
- Select the right size line and the correct nozzle/stream for the application. If in doubt, go bigger.



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