



DECISION MAKING FOR INITIAL COMPANY OPERATIONS (DMICO)

Course Description:

The course is designed to develop the decision making skills needed by Company Officers (COs) to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. All activities and scenarios used in this course are based on structure fires. As a CO with the real possibility of being the first to arrive at an incident, the CO's initial decisions will have an impact throughout the entire incident. It is vital that they be able to make good management decisions that have a favorable impact on the eventual outcome. In addition to a possible role as the initial Incident Commander (IC), the CO may well be assigned a subordinate position within the ICS organization. COs need to have a clear understanding of the system, the position they are assigned, and their role in the organization if they are to function effectively and help make the system work. Helps participants develop a better understanding of the role and responsibilities of a Company Officer in preparing the company for incident operations. This course was developed by the National Fire Academy.

Textbook: DMICO Student Manual

Course Length: 11 hours

Lesson 1 - Introduction

Lesson 2 - Integration of the NIMS to Fireground Management

Lesson 3 - Fireground Decision Making

Lesson 4 - The Analytical Size up Process

Lesson 5 - Building Construction Types

Lesson 6 - Burn Time Considerations & Line-of-Duty Deaths

Lesson 7 - Fireground Decision Making Exercises