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PROMOTIONAL SCENARIOS FOR THE COMPANY OFFICERS

Exposure Delta

You are the company officer of an engine company that is responding with a second alarm assignment to the scene of a working structure fire. While en route to the fire, the Incident Commander radios you and assigns your company to protect the exposure building(s) on the “Delta” side of the fire.

Read the test question below and provide your answers in the workspace. The answer key can be found on page two.

Test Question: As the company officer, explain your actions and the options you will seek in order to meet this request.



Workspace:

A photograph showing firefighters in full gear working at a scene with smoke in the background.

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Exposure Delta; Answer Key

- Acknowledge the order.
- Advise all members of the assignment.
- While still en route, review your water supply maps (main sizes, hydrant locations, etc.)
- Establish a water supply on a large water main, outside the immediate tactical zone.
- Report to the Delta Division supervisor (if present).
- Stretch a 2-1/2 inch hoseline and/or a master stream device to the Delta exposure(s).
- Wet down the exposed surface of the D exposure.
- If an option, consider stretching hoselines into the D exposure.
- If an option, supply the exposure buildings protective systems (sprinkle, standpipe).
- If an option, remove combustibles away from exposed windows.
- If an option, ventilate the exposure building opposite the exposed side.
- Maintain crew integrity.
- Monitor the fire ground radio frequency.
- Provide the Division supervisor or Command with a progress report.



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