

Initial Scene Size-Up

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About FSF

In this program we look at initial scene size up as it relates to emergency response. We will define initial scene size up and determine when it should occur. In addition, we will explain the components of a good size up and explain the notification and communication process.

What This Program Is

- ❖ Upon completion, you should be able to:
 - ❖ Define Initial Scene Size Up
 - ❖ Determine when a Initial Scene Size Up should occur
 - ❖ Explain the components of Initial Scene Size Up
 - ❖ Explain the notification process.

Objectives



Look at the
this fire
from this
angle...

Why is it important?



..and now
from this
angle

Why is it important?



This looks like a simple single-story home...

Why is it important?



...but not
from the
back.

Why is it important?

A rapid mental evaluation of various factors related to an emergency incident. This should include ALL angles.

What is an Initial Scene Size Up?

❖ An initial scene size up should include:

- ❖ **C**onstruction
- ❖ **O**ccupancy
- ❖ **A**pparatus and Equipment
- ❖ **L**ife Hazard

- ❖ **W**ater Supply
- ❖ **A**uxillary/Aids
- ❖ **S**treet Conditions

- ❖ **W**eather
- ❖ **E**xposures
- ❖ **A**rea
- ❖ **L**ocation/Extent
- ❖ **T**ime
- ❖ **H**eight



What Does it Consist of?

C-O-A-L
W-A-S
W-E-A-L-T-H

Remember:

- ❖ What do I have going on?
- ❖ How and where is it going?
- ❖ What do I need to control it?

Three Simple Basic Questions

- ❖ IDENTIFY your unit arriving on scene
- ❖ DEFINE what you have (i.e., structure type, situation, etc.)
- ❖ ESTABLISH command (use street name to better identify)

What's in the initial transmission?