



EFFECTIVE USE OF TOWER LADDERS IN TACTICAL OPERATIONS



While the popularity of tower ladders has grown, they are still less common than traditional “straight stick” aerial apparatus and their optimum use is not always understood. To obtain maximum benefit from this versatile apparatus it is necessary that firefighters, officers, and incident commanders understand the capabilities of tower ladders and how they can most effectively be integrated into the fireground. This program is available in as a 4 or 8 hour program and may combine classroom presentation with hands-on skills.

This program is designed for both departments with tower ladders and those without. This program will discuss proper use of tower ladders in several fireground scenarios including firefighter access, rescue of civilians or firefighters, elevated master streams, and technical rescue. This will include discussion of rear-mount and mid-mount devices and comparisons will also be drawn between tower ladders and straight aerials, contrasting the pro’s and con’s of each in the above situations.

The program will be of interest to all, from firefighters to the chief officer level. Firefighters and driver/operators will learn various uses, positions, and options for these devices. Chief level officers will come to further understand the tactical opportunities that a well placed and well used tower ladder present. Attendees presently using tower ladders in their department, those considering purchasing tower ladders, and departments who work with tower ladders at mutual aid incidents will all benefit from this program.

Topics Include

- Recognize the advantages and disadvantages of both straight aerial devices and tower ladders.
- Understand the positioning and placement requirements of tower ladder configurations for optimum use.
- Understand the driving and handling requirements of these vehicles and build driver confidence in their operation.
- Properly utilize tower ladders in various operational scenarios including exterior fire attack, firefighter and civilian rescue, access, ventilation, and technical rescue.
- Understand the theory behind proper placement and use of tower ladders in the above operational scenarios.
- Appropriately integrate tower ladders into the incident action plan at various incidents.



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Traditions Training, LLC was founded in 2002 by firefighters from the FDNY and Washington, DC area. Our founders saw a need to share the “street-smart” skills and knowledge learned from mentors their own years of firefighting experience. Today, we continue that tradition through a group of experienced firefighters, fire officers, and chiefs from some of the nation’s busiest and most respected departments.



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