

# Modern Considerations for Structural Fire Attack

## • Think Offensive!

An aggressive fire attack should be defined by the intent of the action, not "where" the action is initiated. Water "on the fire" is aggressive, regardless of location.

## • Think Fast Water

Water applied to the fire will improve conditions throughout the structure. The sooner the better. **Soften The Target!**

## • Think Limited Air

Our actions should not entrain air into an environment that is hungry for air. Every opening made has the potential to increase heat release.

## • Think Control

Controlling the flow path by limiting either intake or exhaust, will slow fire growth and heat release.

## • Think Tenability

Often the best action we can take to improve conditions for occupants and firefighters is to apply water. What's the risk, survivability profile?

## • Think Service

Actions should be based on information obtained during size up, not "what we have always done." We are here to serve our citizens.

## • Think Fire Triangle

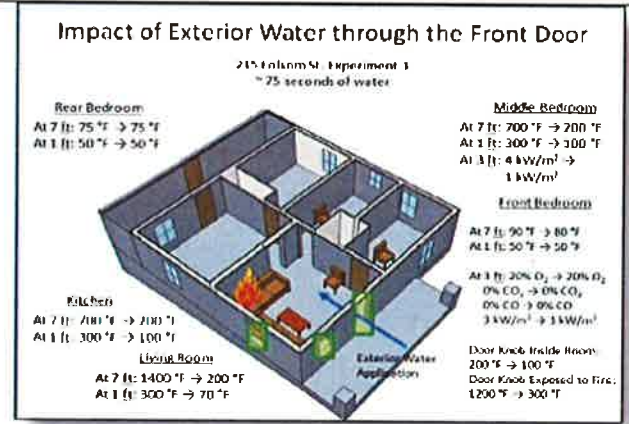
Limit air, do not delay water, and isolate from the fire.

## • Think Safety and Success

Quick water application and control of the fire will improve safety for all. We are called to protect life and extinguish the fire. Our goal should be the fastest application of water by whatever means necessary.



"An offensive attack is really about attacking and controlling the fire; defensive is when you write off portions of buildings and focus on keeping the fire from spreading. Our terminology should focus on the **Intent** instead of where you're positioned when you make the attack."  
Chief C. R. Ennis



### Structural Fire Tactical Goals

#### S.L.I.C.E.R.S.

**Sequential Actions**

- S**ize Up
- L**ocate the Fire
- I**dentify and Control Flow Path
- C**ool the Space from Safest Location
- E**xtinguish the Fire

**Actions of Opportunity**

- R**escue
- S**alvage