



Training Bulletin

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Positioning Aerial Ladders for Rescue



Fire scenes do not allow for a one-size-fits-all approach. For example, the thought process that the first due engine should always be in front of the building and the trucks should be positioned on the building's corners may change if a rescue is imminent. Therefore, awareness, contingency planning, knowledge, experience, and training are a must!

When confronted with the occupant(s) who needs to be rescued over an aerial ladder

- The apparatus should **slow down when approaching the scene** to allow the crew to size up the building and determine where to position the apparatus.
- The truck should come to a complete stop and a member(s) should get out of the apparatus to determine if the truck is properly positioned or if it needs to be moved. If the truck needs to be moved, the member(s) should line the **center of the turntable up with the occupant** and communicate with the driver to stop the truck.
- When more than one occupant needs to be rescued and only one aerial ladder can be used (and occupants are not in vertical alignment), place the turntable midway between locations. Remove the most severely exposed victim first.
- The aerial ladder should be raised above the occupant and lowered to prevent them from jumping onto the ladder.

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