Rules You Can LIVE By

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR SAFE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING

1. Have a clear purpose for the training exercise and use a TRAINING PLAN with defined outcomes and learning objectives. Review the plan with all participants BEFORE training begins.
2. Establish and maintain a clear chain of command during training. Designate a training incident commander/lead instructor. Don't let participants pull rank and compromise safety.
3. Never allow freelancing during training. Require the use of staging and accountability systems.
4. Use only QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS who possess both certification and experience in the subject they are teaching.
5. Adhere to all national, state and local standards for conducting training.
6. Only conduct training under ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS. Don't place participants in a realistic environment before they are ready for it. Never use live victims during high-risk training.
7. Use all possible SAFETY PRECAUTIONS during training, even if they exceed what is possible during an actual emergency event. Even though it's "just training", never overlook safety precautions.
8. Require all participants to be MEDICALLY CLEARED before they participate in strenuous training. Enforce appropriate rehabilitation and monitoring during and after training.
9. Make sure the training is appropriate for the skill level of all participants and that they know what is expected of them.
10. Allow all participants to STOP - without penalty - if they don't understand their assignment or if they sense something unsafe during training. Stop, talk, and decide on a safer approach. EVERYONE is a safety officer.

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