

Case Study Jumpseat Training LLC



Citizens Fire Company
Independence Fire Company
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Introduction

Developing the skills and education as a firefighter requires constant evaluation and learning from different sources. Learning from the experiences of others is a good way of learning from others successes and challenges. This case study was graciously shared by the firefighters of the Citizens Fire Company in Charlestown WV. The transparency of their members in discussing this challenging fire was inspiring.

Aim

The aim of this case study and accompanying audio interview is to share the lessons learned from this Heavy Content Fire to help other departments understand the challenges faced that day and how to better prepare for Heavy Content Fires.

Learning Activity

Review the incident information and discuss the affects of Hoarding. Focus your efforts on how the clutter, confusion, and persistence of the on scene firefighters lead to a successful outcome in challenging conditions. Discuss how building construction, fire volume, cluttered conditions, and hazards can lead to danger. Listen, read, and then apply the lessons learned to your operational methods to have a better understanding.

Audio

http://traffic.libsyn.com/jumpseatradio/Citizens_fire_Company_Case_Study_.mp3

The Case

On February 3rd 2015 the Citizens Fire Company was dispatched to a working fire with confirmed victims trapped. First arriving companies found a two story balloon frame construction with Heavy Content Conditions and multiple victims.

Figure 1 Location



Figure 2 Conditions before Fire



Time Line

Call received:	12:24
Dispatched:	12:26
CTPD 102 (Confirms victims trapped)	12:28
E 2-1/ E4 on scene	12:31
Rescue	12:56
EMS for FF	12:57
2 FF Transported	13:27

Figure 3 Arrival conditions



Figure 4 E 4-1 Layout



Initial Actions

E 2-1

- Layout from Hydrant
- Positioned A/B Corner
- Deployed 1 3/4 attack line
- Ladder to side C Div 2 VES
- Officer directed to occupant Side C

Ambulance 2-1

- Attempt to deploy DSPA
- Established command
- Interviewed bystanders

E 4-1

- Layout Hydrant
- Positioned A/D Corner
- Deployed 1 3/4 attack line



Figure 5 Room of Occupant



Figure 6 Fire conditions in victim room



Figure 7 Ladder Hazard

