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Franklin TN Fire Rescue

David Dalrymple
Roadway Rescue

Firefighter Bryan Winzer
FDNY

2012 Seminar Series
Tricks of the Trade

Friday June 8 2012
Tricks of the Trade
With all the talk around the fire service today about the knowledge and expertise that the “old-heads” are taking with them when they retire, why not pick their brains about little “tricks of the trade” that they have learned throughout their careers? What is interesting is that we preach to our senior guys to pass on their knowledge about traditions within the fire service and the special hazards in their districts and what the Captain does or doesn’t like; but we seem to overlook passing that important information along. Wouldn’t it be great if you could get all that information ahead of time? What if you could get it without knowing that you had to ask? What if you could get information from people who have been “doing the job” all over America for 200 plus years? Presented in this program is a compilation of tricks of the trade. These are ideas that have been taught to others and practiced ourselves. Some of them were homegrown in our departments and some of them have been passed on to us. We don’t know who to give the credit to, but they are none the less excellent ideas that deserve to be, as Chief Goldfedder preaches, “passed along”.

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