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Modern Suburban Firefighting

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The construction, design, and fuel load of modern residences present today's firefighters with new challenges and dangers. This presentation will examine why firefighters may have to change some of their tactics when fighting fires involving modern lightweight "engineered" construction. Most fire departments in this country are suburban and seriously understaffed; consequently they cannot implement some of the personnel-intensive tactics that big city fire departments use. Learn how to conduct size-up before committing limited resources, water supply options, considerations for apparatus placement and where to position the first attack hoseline. Specific fire problems will be addressed; such as how to fight fires in the attics of "McMansions" tactics for fighting basement fires and options for attacking fires in attached garages. The presentation will also examine methods to stretch and operate hoselines on the upper floors of multiple dwellings when there are insufficient personnel to perform a conventional stairway stretch.



- INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHY -

>>> **Bill Gustin** is a 38 year veteran of the Fire Service and is a Captain on the Miami-Dade County (FL) Fire-Rescue Dept. He began his career as a volunteer firefighter in the Chicago area and is a lead instructor in Miami-Dade's Company Officer Development program.

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