

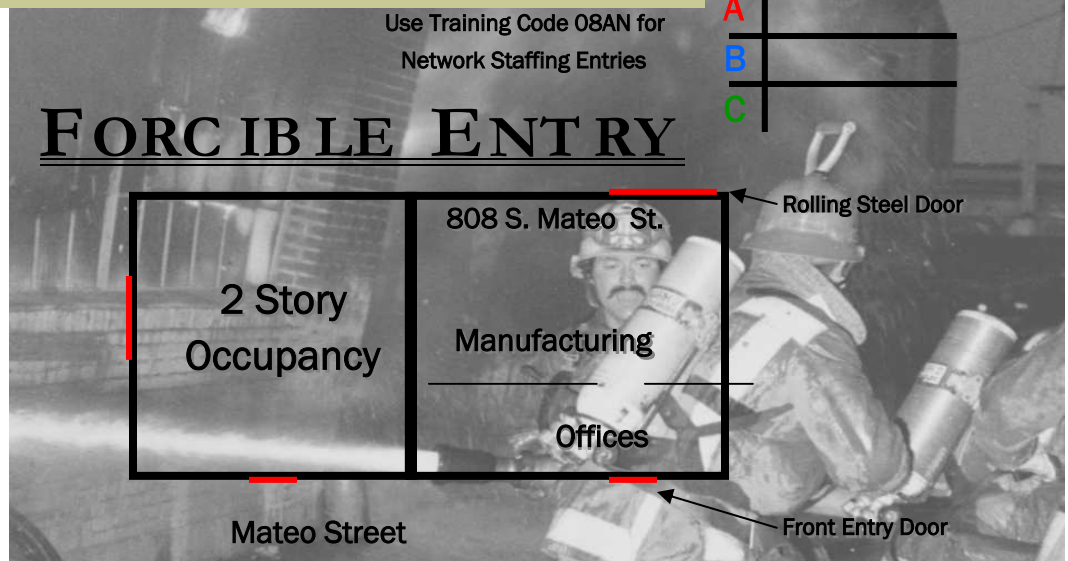


TACTICAL DECISION GAMES



This issue is dedicated in memory of Captain Lane Kemper. Captain Kemper was recognized as a nationwide expert in the area of forcible entry. He developed forcible entry techniques that improved fire ground operations and ensured firefighter safety. He delivered presentations nationwide on this subject. His techniques will be passed on to many generations of firefighters. Lane will be sorely missed by the LAFD.

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You are the Inside Firefighter assigned to Truck 17. At 0230 hours, Task Force 17, Task Force 9, Engine 25, Engine 2, Squad 4, RA 17, RA 9, EMS 1 & Battalion 1 are dispatched to a reported structure fire at 808 S. Mateo Street. Task Force 17 is the first arriving fire department resource.

As you arrive on-scene you observe a one-story commercial occupancy with medium to heavy smoke issuing out of the attic vents. Connected to this building is a 2-story commercial building. It has no fire involvement at this time. The fire building is pre-1933 construction.

As Truck 17 comes to a stop in front of the building you observe a very narrow entry door. The door is covered by a heavy duty metal security gate. This front door leads to an office area in the occupancy. The rear portion of the building is used for manufacturing purposes. You suddenly realize that you conducted a fire prevention inspection on this occupancy about a month ago. You remember that there is a large rolling steel door on the rear of the occupancy. The rolling steel door leads into the manufacturing portion of the structure. Access to the rear of the

building is down an alley. You also observe several heavily barred windows on the south side of the occupancy.

Engine 17 assumes fire attack responsibilities and deploys an 1 3/4" to the front door. You hear the IC direct Engine 9 to "back up" Engine 17. You have the rotary saw and the halligan with you.

Inside FF Guidelines

- Describe additional forcible entry equipment that may be needed
- Describe initial critical actions
- Describe priority order of forcible entry openings
- Describe responsibilities after forcible entry is completed