



# Table Top Training Drills



## Table Top Training Exercise-May 2012

### Attic Fires

Attic fires continue to be an operational hazard to firefighters. Residential storage issues and construction issues increase the frequency and escalation of incidents that can cause injuries and fatalities to members. A keyword search of the word “attic” revealed over 287 reports in the Near-Miss Reporting System. Each of these reports has a common concern for firefighters working in attics. Recently, in Wisconsin two firefighters were injured as they were operating at a fire in an attic area and the roof collapsed. Thank you to firefighternation.com for the video:

<http://www.firefighternation.com/videos/milwaukee-firefighters-jump-escape-attic-fire>

Some resources to discuss attic fires with your department include:

1. U.S. Fire Administration’s Topic Fire Report “Attic Fires in Residential Buildings”

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/statistics/v11i6.pdf>

2. “Tactics for Battling Attic Fires” by Greg Jakubowski (Courtesy May 2011 Fire Rescue magazine)

<http://www.firefighternation.com/article/strategy-and-tactics/tactics-battling-attic-fires>

3. Originally created for the 2008 Near-Miss Calendar by Retired Battalion Chief G.O. Lyon from Arlington (VA) Fire Department, a case study and drill procedures dealing with attic fires.

[http://www.richmondfire.com/training/nearmiss/1.%20January-Attic%20Fires/Section%20I%20\(January\) Case%20Study.pdf](http://www.richmondfire.com/training/nearmiss/1.%20January-Attic%20Fires/Section%20I%20(January) Case%20Study.pdf)

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