

Harry Carter's Engine Company Tips

- Most fires you will ever attend can be controlled by a single, well placed hoseline.
- Do not shoot water at smoke.
- An effective hose stream will usually extinguish all the fire it can in less than a minute.
- Keep your hoselines moving until the fire is out.
- An effective interior fire sector commander will ensure that lines are being moved in on the seat of the fire.
- The Incident Commander and subordinate sector commanders must work to prevent hoselines from working against each other.
- Never stretch light and hope for help from the next company.
- Whenever possible, back up your initial attack line with a line of at least the same size.
- Always call for help early. If your tactics aren't working, try something else.
- Avoid poor use of personnel (such as six people on a 1-1/2" hoseline).
- Do not let a smoke condition scare you out of making an interior attack.

Harry Carter's Truck Company Tips

- Human life is your primary concern.
- First-due truck company takes the front of the building, or the best point of vantage.
- No one goes in alone.
- Once is never enough (especially for search & rescue).
- Search in a definite pattern.
- Vent high vent low, vent often.
- When you think that you are done, there is always one more thing to do.