

SEARCH – ORIENTED LEADER

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Working in teams of two or more and one member, typically the company officer, is directing the search effort while staying oriented with the thermal imager.
- Default search method when conditions or crew continuity aren't conducive for split searching.
- Isolate bedrooms as you search and vent them.

Considerations

- This is a leader directed search, where team members remain closer in proximity to each other due to poor conditions or more supervision is needed.
- Highly reliant on the leader having a thermal imager.

PROTOCOLS:

1. Complete search size up and configure the building from the outside.
2. Travel as a team to the most threatened bedrooms. Search these areas first, then move throughout the structure as a coordinated team.
3. The leader sends FF into a bedroom and isolates them inside using the door. It is preferred the leader remains in the hallway on the outside keeping an eye on conditions and looking for the next target.
4. FF vents the bedroom, then searches the room starting on the bed.
5. FF returns to the hall where the leader is waiting, and they move together to the next target.
6. In large rooms or open spaces, the leader can remain in the room and direct the FF search efforts using the thermal imager.