

# SEARCH - VENT ENTER ISOLATE SEARCH

## **KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- VEIS or window-initiated search may at times require exit through the same point of entry due to conditions, but default should be to continue the search beyond the door.
- Emphasis should be placed on the most severely threatened bedrooms.
- Search is a tactical objective assigned by command. VEIS is a search tactic employed by the company to accomplish this objective.
- Both members conducting a VEIS will immediately enter the room together.

## **CONSIDERATIONS:**

- As with all search tactics, we need to stay oriented to building, team, and conditions.
- First member through the window is ideally the senior team member or company officer. They are conducting a risk assessment at the window and then again at the doorway.
- There is still opportunity for the IC to assign search as VEIS at a specific location. The expectation would be to conduct a VEIS of that location and exit via the initial entry point.

## **PROTOCOL:**

1. Complete a search size up and configure the building from the outside.
2. Ventilate a window of a room that can be isolated, preferably a bedroom.
3. If working from the first floor, remove the entire window sash. If working elevated from a ladder, remove a window section and clear enough glass to gain entry. If a victim is located or there is need to come back out that window, clear the sash with good footing from the inside.
4. Use your thermal imager to orient yourself to the room. Conduct a go/no-go entry assessment. Find the bed and the door locations. Yell out location of the bed to the second FF.
5. First member in the room goes straight to the door and shuts it BEHIND them as they enter the hallway, isolating the second FF inside the room. Search just outside the door and assess if the conditions will allow us to continue our search beyond the initial room and throughout the structure.
6. Second FF enters through window and immediately begins to search the room starting with the bed area. Meet up with partner at the doorway and continue searching beyond the room if conditions allow. If conditions deteriorate, clear the sash and exit the window together.