

# SEARCH – OFF THE HOSELINE

## **KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Search should be performed by the fire control company or group while they advance the attack line.
- Fire control company should complete the search of the immediate fire area.
- Support the initial hoseline with the number of personnel that will allow searching during hoseline advancement.

## **PROTOCOL:**

1. Getting the attack line to the seat of the fire to take control of the environment and place a line between the fire and potential victims is still the fire control group's primary objective.
2. Perform a search off the hoseline as often as possible while maintaining your objective. Most victims are found by the first-in company.
3. When you locate a victim, you have several options:
  - Split your crew to perform the rescue while maintaining fire control efforts.
  - Assign the rescue to an adjacent company (likely the search crew).
  - Shelter the victim in place if there is a space to isolate and vent.
  - Stop fire control efforts and perform the rescue.