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Comments

I would like to state that I am totally in support of the concept of limiting firefighter risk in non occupied structures. My personal belief is that fire fighters in the U.S. need to rethink the way they do business.

Most times, firefighters make entry and conduct interior operations even when there is no life threat. And for what gain? In single family residences in particular, The fire in most cases will have already done enough damage that there is almost nothing to be saved. And even if there is some property to save, is it worth the potential for injuries and fatalities. Clearly the answer is no.

A most recent example occurred in San Francisco when SF fire was battling a fire in a vacant house. The roof collapsed and personnel conducting roof operations fell into the structure and were injured, one critically. I was asking myself - Why would firefighters be committed to this operation in a vacant house? This happens far to often in the U.S. and I believe it is because of the Firefighting culture here.

I applaud your agency finally addressing this issue. It has been a long time coming.

I spent 36 Years working in the fire service from Firefighter to Deputy Chief working in structure ops, wildland ops, training, and communications. I currently work as a volunteer FF with a small department in Northern California.