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Designing, Constructing, & Operating Container-Based Training Props

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THE REASON BEHIND THE COURSE...

We're often asked how we came up with the prop designs and if we'd mind sharing what we've learned and helping other departments put one together. Our answers...the props allow real tactics, and, absolutely!

Over the years, we've given plenty of tours, sent plenty of pictures, had multiple phone conversations, and sent drawings, narratives, dimensions and checklists. We've seen container-based training props and training buildings pop up across the country...and heard about the challenges that everyone has faced. More importantly...we've heard of the pride and satisfaction that has come with each individual project. Hands-down, the most rewarding part has been the unbelievable training that has come as a result of the effort!

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REGISTRATION FEE
\$2295⁰⁰

\$1895⁰⁰
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About FDTN's Designing, Constructing, & Operating Container-Based Training Props Course

The Fire Department Training Network is known for its creative and functional use of shipping containers to provide some of the most realistic fire-ground training available to today's firefighters. FDTN's National Firefighter Training Academy currently operates 8 fully-functional container-based training props capable of creating both simulated and realistic fireground conditions for firefighters to practice and learn the skills needed during actual fireground operations.

This 3-day course is designed to help make your own container-based training prop a reality! We've been there, done the planning, come up with the designs, overseen the projects, and put things all together.

A GLIMPSE AT THE SCHEDULE

- Design & Imagination 101 – *what you can really do!*
- **Your** Training Needs Assessment
- Designing Props for Maximum Value
- Single- & Multi-Container Props
- Constructing 101 – *a common-sense approach!*
- Operating Basics – *reality is the key!*
- Context-Based Container Props
- Making It Work

Like all FDTN courses, this course is highly interactive and you get out of it exactly what you put into it. You're the only one that knows the ins-and-outs of your department—and you're the one that will actually be doing the training!



DESIGN & IMAGINATION 101

As the old saying goes, *how you start is how you finish!* The planning stage is the most critical and it's the one that is individual to every project. With the right amount of planning you'll be able to design a prop that fits your needs and fits within your space and budget constraints.

YOUR TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

One of the most common statements heard across the country is that *in our department we do things a little different!* Guess what? Stretching a line is stretching a line and every fire department needs to know how to do it successfully. Taking the time to list out the fireground skills and then building those skills into the design of your training program and, ultimately, your training facility is the key to success. We'll perform a training needs assessment so that you get an understanding of what it is and how to do it.

DESIGNING PROPS FOR MAXIMUM VALUE

When it comes to design you really have to match the needs assessment with the realities of *your department's* time, space, and budget. Getting the most out of one or two containers comes from the design stage of the project. What you can do is truly limited to your imagination and creativity and it's the design stage where you begin to realize the full potential of the project.

CONSTRUCTING 101

Once you've got the design nailed down it's time to begin putting the prop together. A single-container prop requires very little to begin training. As the number of props increase you'll find that there really isn't a whole lot of modification that needs to be done to meet the needs developed in the planning stages. You may need local carpenters and/or welders but you may find that you have the talent within the department.



OPERATING BASICS

Operating the prop is simple and involves two things—having a solid training plan, and implementing it! We'll review how to set up a training session so that department members are allowed to practice the skills they need to get better at using an environment (prop) that is as close to the real thing as possible.

CONTEXT-BASED TRAINING PROPS

A context-based training prop simply allows you to conduct real-time scenarios that allow all of the skills to take place at the same time. A single-container training prop, designed correctly, will allow you to conduct plenty of context-based training operations. The need for context-based training cannot be over-emphasized! It's the ability to put-it-all-together that will bring your training, and your department, to the next level.

MAKING IT WORK

High-quality fire department training is something that every department is capable of delivering. The ability to plan, design, and construct a simple training prop that can be used to train department members has been limited more by action than by *ability!* This course will help you realize that realistic fireground training is well within the reach and capabilities of your fire department!



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FDTN Course Registration Form

COURSE TITLE: **Designing, Constructing, & Operating Container-Based Training Props**

COURSE DATE(S): ☐ **May 18-20, 2026**

HOST/LOCATION: **FDTN National Fireground Training Academy - Indianapolis, Indiana**

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Rank: _____

Department: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION: (\$2295.00/\$1895.00 FDTN MEMBERS)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

☐ Check enclosed ☐ Department Purchase Order — Number: _____

☐ Credit Card (☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ AMEX)

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CCV: _____

Signature: _____

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