

## INTRODUCTION

Two of the most important issues at the emergency incidents are risk management and personnel accountability. Risk Management Procedures and Firefighter Incident Safety and Accountability Guidelines provide important information for firefighters, supervisors and managers.

## RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

We will risk a lot to save life.

We will risk a little to save property and values at risk.

We will risk nothing to save that which is already lost.

## RISK MANAGEMENT CHECKLIST

### The Five-Step Risk Management Process:

1. Identify the Hazards
  - a. Be specific
  - b. Describe tangibly
2. Assess the Hazards/Risk (Risk = Hazard Severity x Probability of Occurrence)
  - a. Hazard Severity
    - Catastrophic
    - Critical
    - Moderate
    - Negligible
  - b. Probability of Occurrence
    - Frequent
    - Likely
    - Occasional
    - Seldom
    - Unlikely
3. Make a Risk Decision
  - a. Identify Incident Priorities
    - Life Safety
    - Incident Stabilization
    - Property Conservation
    - Environmental Concerns
  - b. Select & Prioritize Tactical Objectives
  - c. Determine Resource Requirements
  - d. Factor in the Hazards
  - e. Make assignments that are congruent with the strategic priorities and tactical objectives that have acceptable risk and definite benefit.