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## Single Firefighter Forcible Entry: Inward-Swinging Door

SCOPE: As limited staffing continues to be a concern for most fire departments, firefighters must do MORE with LESS. Although it is not ideal, a firefighter may be required to force a door by themselves. The following is step-by-step guide to single firefighter forcible entry of an inward-swinging door.



STEP 1: "TRY BEFORE YOU PRY." SIZE UP DOOR. SHOCK DOOR WITH FORK OR FLAT PART OF PIKE/ADZ (HIGH-MIDDLE-LOW).



STEP 2: INSERT ADZ BETWEEN THE STOP AND DOOR. REST THE HALLIGAN ON YOUR SHOULDER.



STEP 3: MOVE HALLIGAN IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF PIKE, GAPPING THE DOOR.



STEP 4: WEDGE THE AXE IN THE GAP THAT YOU CREATED.



STEP 5: WITH YOUR KNEE HOLDING THE AXE IN PLACE, DRIVE THE AXE WITH THE HALLIGAN.



STEP 6a: ONCE YOU HAVE A LARGE GAP, INSERT ADZ AND PULL BACK UNTIL LOCKS ARE DEFEATED.



STEP 6b (variation): INSERT FORK INTO GAP AND PUSH TOWARDS THE DOOR UNTIL THE LOCKS ARE DEFEATED.



STEP 7: AFTER ENTRY IS GAINED, SWEEP THE FLOOR FOR VICTIMS. CONTROL THE DOOR WITH THE HALLIGAN.