



## JUSTIFYING THE PURCHASE OF A TRAINING TOWER

City Managers and City Councilmen are constantly faced with budget decisions regarding their public safety employees. The following information is designed to help crystalize the benefits of a training tower for your community. Not every community can afford a training building, but for those that can... the benefits are bountiful.

### VALUE

Communities with quality Public Safety Departments attract home and business owners that are seeking the same. Cities might even improve their ISO rating by acquiring a burn building. Cities wanting to learn more about how they can improve their ISO rating should begin by visiting their website at [www.iso.com](http://www.iso.com).

### SAFETY

Fire Departments need not only protect the public, they must protect themselves. For years many departments have trained in acquired structures. Firefighters have died training in acquired houses. One department caused damage to a neighboring house while they burned in the acquired structure. There is a tremendous amount of prep work that goes into readying an acquired structure for training.

### RECRUITING

Public Safety Departments constantly strive to hire the best-of-the-best. One of the key elements that recruits consider when looking for employment is a department that will provide them with the best environment that will further a career. A good training facility helps to reinforce to recruits the department's emphasis on training and their well-being.

### EDUCATION

Training towers can offer a variety of training exercises such as rappelling for high angle rescue, confined space training, search and rescue props, live fire training, forcible entry props and much, much more. Personnel can be taught proper techniques for hose advancement, standpipe usage and how sprinkler systems work.

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## **COST**

For those departments that are forced to train outside their city, there are additional costs associated with training. Sometimes outside cities will charge usage fees for their facilities. Additionally, there are sometimes travel expenses. Training outside one's jurisdiction could adversely impact response times. Overtime might be required if the department is required to staff up while others are training outside the city.

## **INTER-DEPARTMENT RELATIONS**

Fostering good relationships between Law Enforcement and Fire/EMS Departments is a good practice. A multi-use training facility is one way to accomplish this goal. These departments often find themselves working side by side in real-life. Training together can better coordinate their working together in the field.

## **EQUIPMENT AND COMMUNICATION**

It is imperative that departments verify that their equipment is in good working order. Better to find out before a working incident that equipment is not functional. Communication at a Fire Scene is imperative. Live training is a great way to ensure proper communications.

## **MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TRAINING**

Training for Natural Disasters, Accidents and Terrorism often requires working with other agencies. A training complex offers an environment for these groups to come together.

## **JOB RESPONSIBILITIES/ CHAIN OF COMMAND**

Part of any successful organization is an understanding of job responsibility and change of command. Knowing one's roll at an incident is imperative. Training helps to maximize the efficiency and capability of the department which can lead to a reduction of loss of life and property - the goal of today's emergency services.

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