

## PROPERTY CONSERVATION

### **OBJECTIVE**

#### **◇ *TO KEEP PROPERTY LOSS TO A MINIMUM***

- ❖ Continually manage resources in a manner that will minimize and reduce loss.
- ❖ Decide what property conservation operations would be required.
- ❖ Commit the necessary personal, equipment, and command to property conservation.
- ❖ Continue to coordinate and manage property conservation efforts until loss is stopped.
- ❖ Time property conservation efforts with fire conditions and correlate loss control with what is actually being damaged.
- ❖ Insist on professional, responsible fire fighting to reduce the secondary damage caused by rescue & control operations.
- ❖ Stop fire-fighting operations when fire control is achieved and order lines shut down in a timely manner.
- ❖ Minimize damage done during operations to check for extension.
- ❖ Overhaul completely to eliminate rekindles
- ❖ Maintain a sensible concern about the welfare of firefighters during long operations.
- ❖ Coordinate fire investigation activities with salvage and overhaul to assist in determining cause and origin.
- ❖ Provide for treatment and security for customers pets.
- ❖ Report “loss stopped” at the conclusion of property conservation operations.
- ❖ Reduce associated loss by assigning a group to work closely with owner / occupant.

You will constantly define how you feel about your customers by how you protect their property. You will not make a lot of heroic rescues of humans in your career, but you will constantly have the chance to make heroic rescues of their property. You must have the brains and versatility to shift gears when you achieve fire control and go from an attacker to one who conserves. Ask customers what is valuable to them. Remember, all they have is all they have, no matter what it may have cost