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The mission of the Firefighter Combat Challenge is to promote and showcase the talents, skills and athleticism of America’s firefighter heroes and heroines in an exciting and entertaining sports competition that travels the United States simulating the essential skills of firefighting - e.g., climbing a five-story tower in full-bunker gear, dragging and hoisting fire hose, simulating forcible entry, and racing around obstacles - the Firefighter Combat Challenge motivates, identifies and celebrates America’s “best of the best” firefighters.
“Competition with a Purpose” – The origins of the Firefighter Combat Challenge started in 1975 with a U.S. Fire Administration grant to the University of Maryland to develop and validate a job-related physical performance examination for firefighters. The principal investigators of the study were Dr. Charles O. Dotson and Dr. Paul O. Davis. While subsequently working as a leading occupational physiologist 15 years later, Dr. Davis continued to marvel over the competitive nature of firefighters he and Dr. Dotson observed in 1975 – when he came up with the idea that would eventually become the Firefighter Challenge. “Why not partner with industry leaders in public safety to devise a “competition with a purpose” that would highlight the unique nature of the fire service’s heroic work, while showcasing the talents and capabilities of firefighters.” The first Challenge was held in 1991. Thirty years later, the Firefighter Challenge looks forward to partnering with incredible companies like 3M Scott Fire and Safety for the next thirty years.
WEIGHTS & MEASUREMENTS

Tower height: 5 stories (41’ / 12.5m tall; 44.6” / 113.3cm railing height)
Tower weight: 8,500lb / 3,855.5kg (excluding tractor)
Number of stairs: 63 steps / 6 risers, 10 steps per riser
Weight of PPE: 50lb / 22.7kg (including 3M - SCOTT Air-Pak SCBA)
Weight of 3M - SCOTT Air-Pak SCBA: ≈ 19lb / 8.6kg filled with compressed air
Amount of compressed air consumed: ≈ 1.5 - 2lb / .7 - .9kg
Weight of the high rise hose pack: ≈ 42lb / 19kg
Weight of the donut hose roll: ≈ 42lb / 19kg
Weight of shot mallet: 9lb / 4kg
Weight of the Keiser sled: ≈ 160lb / 72.6m
Distance to drive the Keiser beam: 5’ / 1.5m
Distance of the hydrant run/ walk: 140’ / 42.7m
Distance of the hose advance: 75’ / 22.9m
Weight of the hose as advanced: 140lb - 240lb / 63.5 - 108.9kg
Diameter of the hose: 1.75” / 4.4cm
Weight of the Rescue Randy: 175lb / 79.4kg (with gear)
Distance of the Rescue Randy dummy drag: 106’ / 32.3m
1. High-Rise "Hose Pack" Carry

The Challenge starts at the base of the tower. Competitors may carry the 42lb hose pack in any manner, and hose packs must be put into the container on the top floor of the tower, with no part touching the deck. One of the competitor's feet must be on the top deck of the tower before dropping the high-rise pack in the container. If competitors miss the box, s/he may correct placement, but only before starting the Hose Hoist. Tower stair handrails may be used when climbing the tower, and multiple stairs and steps may be taken on the way up.

2. Hose Hoist

A 42lb, donut roll of large diameter hose and rope is used for this event. The Competitor is not allowed to stand on anything other than the top Platform while histing. The event is complete when the roll clears the railing at the top of the tower and is placed in the container on the top platform floor. Proper placement is on, or in the container with no part of the donut touching the platform deck. This task must be complete before 3 minutes has elapsed or a disqualification will result. Desending the tower, every step must be contacted and the handrail grasped.
3. Forcible Entry

The forcible entry event utilizes the Keiser Force Machine (a chopping simulator). Using the 9lb shot mallet provided and with both feet on the dimond plate surface, the competitor must drive the 160lb steem beam 5 feet. When complete the competitor must dismount the sled and place the hammer on the mat. Any part of the hammer must be placed on the 3 x 4’ mat to avoid penalties.

4. Hose Advance

The competitor must negotiat the 140’ slalom course without missing or knocking over any delineator. The competitor must pick up the nozzle end of the charged hose line forward of the taped stripe and advance it 75’ through the swinging “saloon door” at the other end of the course. Once through the swinging doors the competitor opens the nozzle, hits the target with the water stream, shuts down the nozzle and places the hose on the ground before advancing to the next course evolution.

5. Victim Rescue

A 175lb Rescue Randy® mannequin must be lifted and dragged backwards a distance of 100 feet. The time stops when the competitor and victim completely cross the finish line.
NEWS MEDIA POWERHOUSE
AVERAGING: 104 MILLION GROSS MEDIA IMPRESSIONS / YEAR

THE NATIONAL TOUR
Adding 15 - 20 U.S. Challenges / Year
Averaging 100,000 Audience Attendees / Year
500+ Challenges in 45 States as of 2020

FIREFIGHTER PARTICIPATION
Averaging 3,000 Competitors / Year
Averaging 500 Fire Departments

SOCIAL MEDIA
Total Facebook Reach - Avg. 2.8 Million / Year
Total Facebook Impressions - Avg. 14.7 Million / Year
Total Facebook Engagement - Avg. 3.9 Million / Year
Flickr Total Views - Avg. 3 Million / Year

About 3.4 Million Results for Google / Keyword Search
“Firefighter Combat Challenge”
Thousands of YouTube Videos!

AVERAGE WEB STATS / YEAR
Page Views - 596,000
First Time Visits - 378,000
Unique Visits - 421,000
Returning Visits - 107,000

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