

TRAINING

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The object of training is to improve the accomplishment of some type of work. Without question, the best place and time to observe and reflect upon actions taken during a particular emergency incident is at the scene of the incident, immediately after the control effort has been completed.

Therefore, if other conditions permit, it is highly desirable that officers and other officials who have borne some responsibility for the control of the incident be permitted to utilize the immediate past experience for the purpose of training CAL FIRE employees. For example, a fire captain or a fire apparatus engineer may find an excellent opportunity to demonstrate why a fire line was constructed in one place and not in another or why the fire was attacked in a particular manner.

Such a practical training method obviously should have considerable advantage over any presentation of the same conditions in a classroom discussion, possibly by and for individuals who were not actually present and engaged at the scene of action. This practical training is not the same thing as a board of review, although it can serve some of the same ends.

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