



Today's discussion is from the
LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape
Routes, and Safety Zones) Category.

Safety Zones (part 2)

Safety Zone(s) are locations where the threatened firefighter may find refuge from the danger. Unfortunately shelter deployment sites have been incorrectly called safety zones. Safety zones should be conceptualized and planned as a location where no shelter is needed. This does not intend for the firefighter to hesitate to deploy their shelter if needed, just if a shelter is deployed the location is not a tree safety zone. Fireline intensity and safety zone topographic location determine safety zone effectiveness.

- How have you determined the distinction between a safety zone and a deployment zone?

- Is refuge in a vehicle, house an acceptable tactic?

- Consider access to the incident. You are often confronted with considerable distances of unburned fuel to cross. How do you manage LCES?

References:

["LCES and Other Thoughts" by Paul Gleason](#)

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