

A photograph showing the silhouettes of four firefighters in a forest. They are wearing helmets and carrying gear, standing in a path filled with smoke or mist. The scene is dimly lit, with light filtering through the trees, creating a dramatic and hazardous atmosphere. The ground is covered with fallen leaves and twigs.

FIRE SCENARIO DECISION EXERCISE 2

**You and your crew
are first on scene
of this fire.**

**Fire is quickly
approaching the
home.**

What will you do?

- ▶ **Observe fire
behavior and
maintain
situational
awareness.**
- ▶ **Take
immediate
action to
suppress fire.**



You take a moment to consider your surroundings and scout a passable route into the fire ground. You see and avoid a ditch, and also observe a power line running from the house to a utility pole.

You direct your engine and crews to the other side of the fire where they can anchor in and begin constructing handline and hose lays.

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You rush in to save the home when you notice something isn't right. You are just a few feet from completing the line and radio communications are getting busy.

Should you:

- ▶ [Bug dispatch](#)
- ▶ Or [just finish up?](#)



Unfortunately, the power line was not de-energized. An active power line can pose a life-threatening risk to crew members.

There is no house or tree worth risking lives for. Assume power lines are energized until confirmed by a representative from the power company.

Next time, you will be better able to use your situational awareness to make the best decision for your crew.

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Success! Great call.

After radioing dispatch to get an ETA for the power company, you advised your crew to stay away from the power lines until they were confirmed to be de-energized. You had plenty of time after receiving confirmation from the power company to get resources around the fire and stop it from damaging any homes.

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You charge in without hesitation and promptly get your vehicle stuck in a hidden ditch. You and your crew escape, but eventually the fire overtakes your vehicle. Don't worry, someone will put it out just as soon as the 30 gallons of diesel spilling out of the fuel tank are burned off.

Situational awareness will help you successfully avoid hazards.

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