CADET COMBAT CHALLENGE

Communications Challenge

Objective:

This event allows a team of four to demonstrate effective communication during a stressful situation. The goal of the event is to use a communicator to effectively communicate directions to their crew, so that the scoring ball is moved through the maze and into the hole.

Requirements:

- The maze is approximately 48" wide, 96" long, and 6" tall, weighing approximately 100 lbs.
- Each Post can enter a maximum of three (3) teams consisting of four (4) cadets/explorers.
- No cadet/explorer can participate in this event twice.
- Structural firefighting gloves.
- NFPA full-length fire hood.

Rules:

This event has a 5-minute time limit. Each team member will start in their designated place, standing next to their rope handle. All members are to have structural fire gloves on their hands and a hood on their heads. Three members will have hoods on backwards, "obscuring their vision." The fourth member (the Communicator) will not have a hood up but will have gloves on. The communicator will give verbal directions to the group.

Each team will begin with the maze resting upon a set of sawhorses. At the word "GO," the time starts. The time will end when the scoring ball goes through the hole. The communicator is the only person allowed to talk. Commands can be given to "lift" or "rest". No team members are allowed to take hands off rope until completion of activity. The maze can be reset on the sawhorses during the event.

Hose location will be determined by the judges the morning of the event

Penalties:

A 10-second penalty will be imposed for each of the following rule infractions:

- Any team member lets go of the rope handle during the event.
- Any member other than the communicator speaks during timed event.

Disqualifications:

- Any member of the team touches the maze or the ball.
- Any act considered dangerous and likely to result in injury.
- Any attempt to cheat.