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Situation:

You and your crew are at the station when a major earthquake happens close to your department's area. After the earthquake stops, your crew tells you they are unharmed. Walk through your next steps at the station with your crew, then proceed to walk through what you would do to evaluate and mitigate the damage in your first due area.

Mission/Execution:

- **Mission:** Do the most amount of good for the most amount of people
- **Execution:**
 - Review your department's policies and procedures for Major disaster and responses to area-wide disasters
 - Discuss crew member roles and responsibilities for conducting a station survey, then conduct the survey.
 - Discuss the route you will take to assess your first due target hazards and then drive it. (For reference, you can write that route on a map and keep in your apparatus for the future)
 - Discuss how will you prioritize the incidents if there are multiple at different target hazards
 - After your survey is complete, go back to a location with a high priority incident that you are simulating and do a hands-on drill. Walk through what you would do with your crew on that incident if you had no other resources with you.

Communications:

- Review what radio channels will be utilized for an incident like this.
- Practice the radio traffic you would use as you drive the route in your survey
- Speak with your superior officer about any particular communication they may want and make sure you know what their communication plan is

Supporting/Service:

- Review the necessary forms that would be utilized. Utilize the appropriate forms during the survey
- Speak with crews about drawing your survey route on a map with the target hazards marked to keep on the apparatus. (For quick reference in the future)

Risk Management:

- Do you complete any mitigating actions during your area survey?
- If your apparatus is the only apparatus in your first due area for an extended period of time, how involved are you going to get at each incident?
- When do you clear an incident to go to the next one in your area? Discuss this with your superior officer as well!

Key Observations:

- Establish clear exceptions of your crew and make sure you are all on the same page
- Know when to engage and when to not engage in an incident
- Know your radio and radio channels (Apparatus and Portable)
- Establish the most efficient route to assess your first due area

Key teaching points:

- Write down any questions that come up during the drill and discuss them with your crew and your superior officer after concluding the drill.
- During the area survey, document what incidents are at each target hazard and the priority status of each incident.