

Fire Ground Technologies specializes in training firefighters all over the country. Currently most of our work is associated with bail out training and more specifically the Petzl Exo and Gemtor 541 harness escape ensemble. Both products in our opinion provide the highest degree of safety a firefighter could ask for if attempting to escape an untenable situation via a rescue rope. That being said, one of the most important parts of the process in choosing an escape system, is the training. Fire Ground Tech prides itself on our safety record. For the last 15 years we have had a “zero” tolerance for training injuries and we have succeeded in doing what we do best, and that is train our student firefighters as best we can without injury. It is by no accident that the IAFF (International Association of Firefighters) has exclusively endorsed Fire Ground Technologies as the trainer for their Fire Ground Survival Master Instructors. It is also no accident that Gemtor has endorsed Fire Ground Tech as their preferred trainer on their 541 fire service harness. These endorsements were given to us because of our commitment to our professionalism and the level of safety we provide.

Our staff mainly comprised of FDNY Officers and Firefighters are unsurpassed in knowledge and experience. As a result, our reputation is the best in the industry. How did Fire Ground Tech come to be the leading trainer of firefighter escape? Because our priority is your safety and nothing is going to compromise our commitment to that. All of our instructors during their time with Fire Ground Tech are expected to attend manufacturer training so that our entire staff is trained consistently to the manufacturer’s specific details. What this means for our students is that there are no shortcuts or compromise in rigging belay systems or freelancing by our instructors. We do not simply rely on one instructor that attended a training course to supervise others that have not had the proper training by the specific manufacturer. Our entire staff is committed to learning as much as we can so we can train you as safe as we know how.

Fire ground Technologies typically is NOT a low bid company, nor do we want to be. We realize we need to spend money to bring you the very best instructors. In 2012 the saying, “you get what you pay for” couldn’t be more correct. We are willing to invest more money to make sure you as the student get the very best uncompromised training. Fire Ground Tech does not and will not ever subcontract training to another company. We refuse to relinquish our responsibility to other people regarding your safety. Even a 2 story fall can result in severe injury or even be fatal. To get the safest, very best training for your investment, our suggestion to perspective clients is to ask questions, do your research, and talk to people. Do comparisons not only on the hardware but look at who the instructors are and their backgrounds. A little homework goes a long way. Below are some points to consider when deciding on an escape system and particularly the training staff. There is no question that Fire Ground Technologies raises the bar for firefighter safety while training. There are no excuses for stupidity.

Considerations

- Check the training company safety record. Has any student been hurt? If so what happened and why. Who was responsible?
- Is the training company insured, are there any claims, or litigations against them, pending or resolved.
- Does the training company make you sign waivers to avoid legal action should you get hurt?
- What devices (belays, fall or crash pads etc.) do they use for your fall protection?
- Does the company supply the proper safety gear to be worn during the class.
- Is the training company service based and not just a sales company looking for a fast sale.
- What endorsements does the company have
- Why are they low bid, what is the instructor to student ratio?
- Meet face to face with representatives. You will get a good feel for who you are dealing with