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EVALUATION REPORT FOR RYAN ESCAPE BAR

TRAINING SITE: Ladder 3 Quarters – Forcible Entry Door Simulator, Various Fire Scenes and Extrication Training

MEMBERS: RESCUE CO. ONE (Group B & C)

REMARKS:

POSITIVE:

- F.F.'s stated that the Escape Bar was comfortable to carry, the slight weight difference was not a concern.
- At most forcible entries the Escape Bar did work just as well as a standard Halligan Tool while using the Fork end.
- During extrication training the Escape Bar did work just as well as a standard Halligan Tool while using the Fork end trying to open engine hoods and making purchase points at door posts.

NEGATIVE:

- The additional Adz at the Fork end did interfere when we tried to use the Adz/Pike side for forcible entry. The additional Adz prevented us from gaining a purchase point between the door and door frame.
- Also the additional Adz did get in the way while trying to open the cockloft walls beneath a scuttle cover while operating on a ladder.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- If the Escape Bar can be made about 46 – 48 inches in length, it can be used as an anchor point at standard door openings (from double stud to double stud)

NOTE: This evaluation report is not complete at this time. We are looking into using the Ryan Escape Tool at our next bail-out training and we like to see how the tool performances on the doors at our housing projects. Also we would like to use the tool during overhaul operations and on the VPS Security Covers.

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