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Greg,

Thanks for the opportunity to try something new and cutting edge within the Fire/Rescue industry. Currently, the tool is on our squad which responds to all types of rescues and fire calls within Anne Arundel County. Fortunately, we didn't have to use the tool to bail-out, but we did toy around with it and tried to brainstorm for some outside the box uses. We didn't come up with anything that you haven't already covered within the site or CD. However, there were two areas that in a pinch it could be used. They are:

Fixed anchor points at an entry/door way during operations in which a search line or guide line may be needed. Large area searches and RIT operations could be some of these ops.

Car over an embankment where a low angle slope evacuation may be necessary. The tool can be placed somewhere, possibly in an area between some posts or guardrail or just hammered into the ground.

If you did mention it somewhere, I apologize that I didn't see it. The positive points that we found were:

Pros

- \*Swivel good size for carabiners, knots, etc.....
- \*Additional penetrating point for driving into wall, ground, ....
- \*Swivel used to marry an axe.

Cons

- \*Slightly more cumbersome than the Haligan.
- \*Swivel tends to interfere during situations in which it is not needed.
- \*If the FF's are not prepared to "bail-out" i.e. rope, then the purpose of the tool has been defeated. Anne Arundel has issued all members a 50 ft section of 8 mm kernmantel rope. Unfortunately, that is all they issued. No hardware such as a carabiner was issued. For the sake of having a quick egress, tying a knot would not be advisable.

Thanks again for the opportunity to try something new. Good luck!

Sincerely,

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