



Conventional Forcible Entry

After listening to several conversations regarding the forcing of doors, I realized that many firefighters here rely to heavily on the Rabbit Tool. While I'm not sure where that reliance comes from, I'd like to provide some information on the use of the *IRONS*. This bulletin will concentrate on the inward swinging door.

Size-Up The Door (TRY BEFORE YOU PRY)



(Front Door On South 5th St)

Occupancy?

Door Construction/Type?

Door Frame?

Locks?

Once it has been determined the door can & will be forced remember these terms.

Shock - Gap - Set - Force

Shock - Strike the door with the halligan on the lock side top, middle, bottom. This will assist you in assessing the strength of the door & locks. It will also help in finding additional hidden locks.

Gap - The ADZ of the tool is forcibly inserted into the space between the jamb and door either above or below the lock. After insertion the tool is pushed up or down.



Pushing Down On The Tool



Set - After creating a gap, the tool is flipped around and the forks inserted (bevel side towards the door). A firefighter with an axe is then instructed to strike the halligan to drive it inwards. The halligan tool is pushed away from the door to keep the forks from being driven into the jamb of the door. When striking the halligan with the axe make sure the tools hit perpendicular to each other to prevent injury.



The AXE man driving the tool



The Fork Penetrating Past The Frame

Force - Once the tool is set deep enough, you will push the halligan towards the door to force it open. After the door has been forced, control the door opening by closing the door sufficiently enough to keep heat & smoke away from the forcible entry team.

The Axe & Halligan will always work, I can't say the same for the rabbit tool