



Informational Bulletin

Chimney Snuffer

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The purpose of this bulletin is to familiarize personnel with a specialized piece of equipment available in our response system. The Chimney Snuffer by TFT is a device utilized for quick mitigation of a chimney flu fire. The Chimney Snuffer consists of several components which include the head, 1" hose, ball valve, and adapters. The Head weighs 5 lbs. and contains 8 nozzles that produce a fine mist that flow 40 gallons per hour at 60psi. It is controlled with a ball valve that connects to the head with 25 feet of 1" hose. An adapter is included in the carrying bag that allows connection from 1" to 1.5" NH threaded coupling.

The strategic advantage of utilizing the Chimney Snuffer is that it allows for a weighted nozzle to be introduced where creosote buildup may impede the application of dry chemical agents (e.g. chimney "bags"). Traditional methods of extinguishment were focused away from application of cooling and application of water. The utilization of the Chimney Snuffer allows for cooling and application of wetting agent without the additional damage to chimney structure created by higher flow rate of traditional nozzles.





When operating the snuffer, the nozzle should be flowing while descending down the chimney as hot spots and heat could cause damage to the polyvinyl hose. As with any chimney fire, the integrity of the chimney flu should be inspected by a certified professional prior to being placed back in service. Here is a helpful link to TFT's training video: <https://youtu.be/fmz8Pv9e7yY>.

The Chimney Snuffer is located on Wagon 1103, officer-side 1st compartment with the chimney fire bucket and other associated equipment.

Questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Lieutenant Isaiah Kehle.