



Mobile Command Post™ – Warehouse Application Story #1

Imagine if you will a call for a working structure fire at 2 am, in the largest warehouse in your district. Worse yet, it is an unprotected building, having been built before sprinklers were required. The on-duty Battalion Chief has arrived on the scene at the street side of the building stating that there is heavy smoke showing. He radios to you that you will be in charge of "C" sector of the building on the complete opposite side from where the street is. It will be your job to account for all personnel reporting to that area making an interior attack.

Fortunately, in the trunk of your Crown Victoria is one of the new [Mobile Command Post™](#) (MCP) that your department just purchased for all of the officers. You arrive at the scene and remove the MCP from the trunk. You make your way around the building looking at the "A" and "D" sides as you do, thus helping the incident commander make his size-up. You confirm what he saw, heavy smoke pushing from all sides of the building. He requests a second and third alarm.

It is quickly determined that the best interior attack will be through your sector. Soon, crews from several engine companies report to you. Your MCP has been wheeled into place, legs extended and battery powered light on, and radio set up. You are ready to receive all of the accountability tags that are coming your way. You quickly sketch out a picture of the structure showing wind direction and crew placement. Reaching into the MCP storage area, you pull out the pre-plan of the building reviewing any hazardous materials present.

Your commanding presence with the MCP deployed makes it easy for the crew stretching a 2 ½" foam line around the building to know where they are reporting to. The Lieutenant hands you the passport from their crew and makes entry. You mark them down as interior crew on your dry erasure board. Behind you stands the rapid intervention team ready in case the first team runs into problems. They tag in with you as well. The interior team finds the problem, it is a single drum of hydrocarbon that has ignited producing a lot of smoke, but fortunately there appears to be no extension.



They quickly extinguish the flames with the foam line and advise you. In turn, you notify command that the situation appears to be under control.

Having your office at the scene with you has helped make the event go very smoothly. Safety and accountability are extremely important functions that deserve all the best resources available. The [Mobile Command Post™](#) was made with this exact scenario in mind.

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