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Helpful Hints

Using Penetrating Nozzles

- Use a short hose (pony hose) 3-4 ft. long in-between the nozzle and water shut-off. This will allow for the Firefighter to “have a charge line with him” up to the shut-off, then a small soft uncharged section that will allow him flexibility and increase ease of penetration.
- Many departments keep Nozzle pre-connected. If it’s not connected to a hose line, it is less likely to be used.
- Uses are many; Attics, vehicles, vents, mobile homes, hay bails, crawl spaces, dumpsters, peat, almost any product mass type, fire, wood chips, paper, cardboard, aeration of mud to free someone who is stuck, and the list goes on.
- Be aware of the type of building material that you are trying to go through. If you are having trouble penetrating, try a different spot. Sometimes you might just be hitting a stud or something similar that is hidden in the wall or ceiling.
- If fighting car fires, stay back by the “A Post’s” away from the bumpers, batteries, gas charged lift supports, oil reservoirs, AC lines, etc. Swing the tool at the hood and penetrate in-between the motor and the wheel well, this is where there will most likely be some open space under the hood.