

MODULE

Indians Fire

“I do not think there is any other quality so essential to success of any kind as the quality of perseverance. It overcomes almost everything, even nature.”

John D. Rockefeller

Class/Group Discussion Topics:

- Discuss your experiences with fire whirls.
- Firefighters were caught without their gloves when the fire whirl hit. Do you ever remove your gloves to do your job? If so, how do you ensure that they are readily available?
- The Engine 71 Crew was able to cope with this unusual situation, in part, due to realistic fire shelter training. What are some of the techniques your crew uses in fire shelter training?
- Discuss some of the pros and cons for sheltering in a vehicle.
- What are some special considerations for sheltering on a road?
- What were some of the barriers to situational awareness that these firefighters encountered? How could they have been overcome?

Want to find out more about the Indians Fire?

- *Surviving Fire Entrapments: Comparing Conditions Inside Vehicles and Fire Shelters*, published by the USDA Forest Service Technology and Development Program:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/eng/pubs/htmlpubs/htm97512817/index.htm>

- Indians Fire - Accident Prevention Analysis Report:

<https://www.wildfirelessons.net/orphans/viewincident?DocumentKey=3a10bc37-0241-4ee9-9f1c-24a8ac44698e>

- Video of the rotating plume on the Indians Fire:

<http://www.myfirevideos.net/avc-view.aspx?v=62>

