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Follow the Hoseline

“Three Rules of Work: Out of clutter find simplicity; From discord find harmony; In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.” Albert Einstein

Couplings on hoselines should be examined so that a rapid exit can be made. While simple to some, it is evident that firefighters still get mixed up on which end of a hoseline leads to the outside of a structure.

Male couplings are manufactured in a single piece whereas female couplings are manufactured in two pieces. The rocker lugs on a male coupling run the length of the coupling while rocker lugs on the female end are short and found only on the swivel portion of the coupling.

FOLLOW THE FEMALE COUPLING TO SAFETY

Once a hoseline has been located firefighters are encouraged to stay with it until they reach a safe area.

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