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This *SMART* Drill addresses the following Critical Needs Area(s):

- Review of critical basic knowledge, skills and abilities
- Review of important policies
- Review of knowledge, skills and abilities for high risk, but low frequency events
- Provide training on identified problem areas
- Provide training on safety practices for preventing injuries and accidents
- Introduce new policies, procedures, or skills



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## **I. OBJECTIVE(S)**

- A. Participants will understand what Maverick Bars are and how they are used.
- B. Participants will recognize Maverick Bar hardware from the exterior of a building.

## **II. MOTIVATION**

- A. Recently, Best Buys and Circuit City stores throughout the east coast have been targeted by an organized theft ring. Best Buy stores throughout Maryland installed "Maverick Bars" to prevent forced entry of all exterior steel exit doors.
- B. ...and a greater concern is for the safety of firefighters who may enter the structure for fire operations after normal business hours.

## **III. PRESENTATION**

- A. What is a Maverick Bar
  - 1. The Maverick Bar is simply two modified pieces of steel box tubing and angle iron that, when placed into the steel mounting brackets on the door frame and door, maintain the door in a closed position
  - 2. What makes them unique is the ability to utilize set-screws to custom adjust the door and frame attachment points based on each individual door installation.
  - 3. Upon recognition, the bars are easily removed from the interior by staff during normal operations or by firefighters in emergency conditions.
  - 4. Locations that use Maverick Bars must adhere to the following guidelines:
    - a. Any time that the structure is occupied, regardless of the number of occupants, the bars must be removed from all doors.
    - b. Bars must be removed from all doors immediately upon the first person entering the structure.
    - c. During business hours, when these bars are removed, they will be placed in a secured location for storage.

B. Recognizing Maverick Bars from the exterior

1. Examine the entry/exit door
  - a. Note the presence of the four rectangular steel braces.
    - (1) These rectangles are the mounting hardware necessary for the maverick bars.
  - b. Also note the steel plate over the latch side of the door jamb and the lack of a doorknob / handle.
    - (1) This can hinder and prevent the use of hydraulic forcible entry tools from being used on the door.

**IV. SUMMARY**

1. Maverick Bars prevent entry for unauthorized people into the structure under normal conditions. During an incident that is after normal business hours at a location equipped with Maverick Bars present a very hazardous situation for firefighters, even deadly.

**V. SOURCES**

- A. Information and photo's used with permission from the Anne Arundel County Fire Marshal's Division.

## PowerPoint Slide Presentation Notes

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<b>Slide 3</b>	
<b>Slide 4</b>	Do not limit the idea of Maverick Bars to just the stores listed, they are becoming more popular among business owners. Next time you are conducting an inspection/check, look for these type of security measures.
<b>Slide 5</b>	Identify these security devices before an incident happens there. Pre-Pan
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<b>Slide 7</b>	The Bar and hardware are attached to both the door and door frame.
<b>Slide 8</b>	
<b>Slide 9</b>	Simply lift the maverick Bar out of its mount.
<b>Slide 10</b>	If any of these locations that are equipped with Maverick Bars fail to remove them, document it. Permission can be revoked for use of these security devices.
<b>Slide 11</b>	Walk around the exterior to look for these hints on all exterior doors.
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<b>Slide 13</b>	