Fire and Firefighting Terminology

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Combustion — Elevating-platform truck
Emergency Medical Services
Emergency Medical Technicians
Engine company — Fireboat company — Fire extinguisher

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Arson	the crime of setting property on fire on purpose to cause damage
Brush company	puts out grass and brush fires and protects buildings in those areas
Combustion	the act of burning
Elevating-platform truck	lifts a caged platform very high to enable multiple people to fight a fire
Emergency Medical Services	services that provide ambulances and the first emergency medical care
Emergency Medical Technicians	trained responders who provide more advanced medical care
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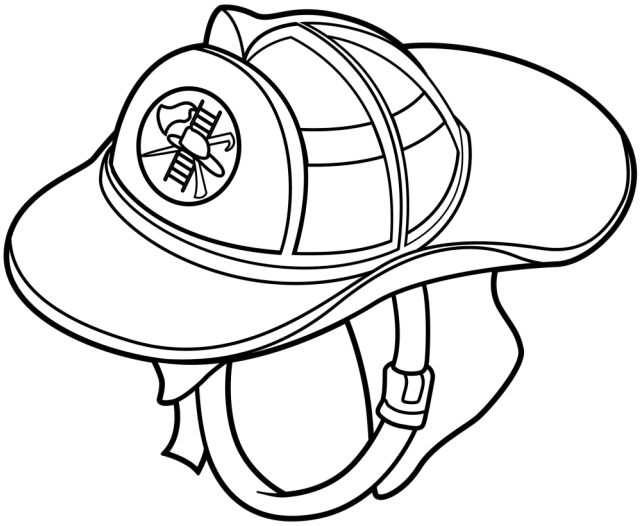
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Forcible-entry tools — Ignition temperature
Ladder company — Overhaul operations
Oxidation — Paramedics — Protecting exposures

Fire prevention	education and ways to help stop fires from happening and reduce injuries when they do
Fire retardant	raises the ignition temperature of a substance or reduces the heat of burning to slow a fire
Flashover	when everything in a room reaches ignition temperature in a house fire; fire grows larger
Forcible-entry tools	powerful tools that help firefighters enter a building or ventilate it
Ignition temperature	temperature where burning can start and continue; varies by substance
Ladder company	uses trucks with ladders of many sizes and lengths to fight fires and reach high floors
Overhaul operations	trying to find the fire's cause and make certain there is nothing that could restart the fire
Oxidation	when oxygen combines with other substances; a fire may result
Paramedics	highly trained emergency medical workers who provide the most advanced care
Protecting exposures	when firefighters try to stop a fire from spreading to other buildings

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Rekindle — Salvage
Smoke jumpers — Spontaneous combustion
Ventilation

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Salvage	covering items in a building to protect them from heavy smoke and water damage
Smoke jumpers	firefighters who fight forest and brush fires after parachuting into the area
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Ventilation	allowing gas, heat, or smoke to escape through broken windows and hole cut in roof



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