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TOPIC #4: 2 FIRE FIGHTER DRAG - SIDE BY SIDE

- Prepare the victim the same as the one-man drag:
 1. Roll FF over.
 2. Check for airflow.
 3. Silence the PASS.
 4. Call for mayday.
 5. Tighten SCBA straps.
- Both rescuers sit victim up, bending at the waist.
- One of the rescuers lifts the victims’ bottle:
 1. Lift bottle from the bottom allowing the shoulder straps to loosen.
- Both firefighters place gloved hand under harness, gripping tightly.
- Victim is then laid down on his back:
 1. Victim will lie on bottle with a high side and a low side.
 2. Rescuers are still gripping the shoulder straps.
- Rescuers are a mirror image, facing each other.



READY / READY / GO!!

After prepping victim for drag or any 2-man operation the rescue firefighters need to advise each other that they are ready to move. The “READY/READY/GO” is the command of choice. The ready is a statement not a question.

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- One firefighter says ready:
 1. It doesn't matter which firefighter starts. When you are ready to move or lift say “READY”.
 2. The second firefighter, when he is ready, says “READY”.
 3. The first firefighter says, “GO”.
 4. When one of the rescuers says “READY”, and the other is not ready no reply is needed. Don't say no or almost. When the second rescuer IS ready they say “READY”. The “GO” command is then given and the move, drag or lift begins.



- The 2-man drag, side by side, has some bad points:
 1. It has a very WIDE profile; the width of the drag is equal to 3 people. It can be used in a more industrial setting. High rise floors, wide or open spaces, commercial or industrial areas.
- And good points:
 1. It is a fast operation. The rescuers can move through a building with ease.
 2. Less fatiguing. The shared load of the victim reduces rescuer stress. The rescuers have been searching and will be low on air; this method allows them to rapidly remove themselves and the victim from the hot zone.