



SIDEWINDER EXT

J&N learned that operators were laying the BP series poles just inside a doorway in order maintain a "controlled" delivery of the NFDD. After having dialog with operators using this technique, we at J&N felt a need to develop an extension which would allow operators the ability to maintain more control of the NFDD delivery pole and NFDD.

Months later, a new extension was developed and is now called the Sidewinder. The Sidewinder allows the operator the ability to place a NFDD at an entry point for either a breach and hold - in conjunction with/or without an entry into the structure.

By laying our BP series poles inside a doorway potentially created two possible issues of concern. First the standard clamp head used on our poles has very sharp teeth to pull fabric and obstructions from opening(s). As operators move through the breach point, there was a concern of an operator(s) hooking their boots on the sharp teeth of the clamp head or just tripping on the pole itself. Secondly, when laying the pole in the doorway, the designated operator loses physical control over the unsecured delivery pole.

The new Sidewinder comes with its own clamp head, which has no hood (sharp teeth) covering the NFDD. The two stand off legs allow the operator to place it inside the door and rest the extension on the leg, thus keeping the NFDD approximately 4" off the floor. When the NFDD is secured in the clamp head, the ports on the NFDD are in the vertical position during deflagration.

The Sidewinder extension works very well with the BP series poles, however is very easily managed with the new BP-2C due to its compact length. One thing to consider when using the Sidewinder extension, make sure you have enough space at the breach point to allow the operator the ability to maneuver when insertion of the NFDD.

The Sidewinder extension has also been a very valuable piece of equipment in pushing or securing a door into an open position after it has been breached. This allows the shield/cover officer the ability to just cover the opening and keep a safe distance from opening, thus being able to react as needed.