



State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas

Texas Volunteer Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Certification Board

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INSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS

RESCUE #1

Conduct a Primary and Secondary Search

Subject: Fireground Operations

NFPA 1001 5.3.5, 5.3.9

Firefighter I

The firefighter trainee and a designated team member shall enter a hostile environment and conduct a primary and secondary search for victim(s).

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective

You and a designated team member shall enter a hostile environment and conduct a primary and secondary search for victim(s), both with and without a rope or hoseline. You will be required to both verbalize key steps and complete mandatory steps while performing this skill. You will begin on my instruction to start. The skill will end when you state to me that you have completed all of the identified steps. Do you understand these instructions?

EXAMINERS NOTE

The hostile atmosphere may be simulated with smoke or the mask may be blackened out. The firefighter trainee will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT

1 - 50 ft. section of 1½" or 1¾" fire hose

1 - 50 ft. rope

Various forcible entry hand tools

Various objects to resemble furniture (or actual furniture)

The firefighter trainee shall accomplish the skill wearing "**FULL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTERS**" to include helmet, gloves, coat, trousers, boots and SCBA.



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FIREFIGHTER I: RESCUE #1

Conduct a Primary and Secondary Search

Candidate: _____

Notes: _____

Examiner: _____

School: _____

Test Site: _____

The firefighter trainee and a designated team member shall enter a hostile environment and conduct a primary and secondary search for victim(s).

With a rope or hose line:	POSSIBLE POINTS	TEST	RETEST
a. Feels the door and verbalizes that the door must be checked for heat before entering	1		
b. Remains on hands or knees	1		
c. Starts search on outside wall and performs consistent turns (always to right or left)	1		
d. Completely searches one room before moving on to the next room	1		
e. Moves and/or searches behind, on, under all furniture	1		
f. Searches all closets and small crawl spaces	1		
g. After completing room search, marks door or leaves a sign that room has been searched	1		
h. Communicates well with partner	1		
i. Verbalizes that he or she should stop periodically to listen for sounds	1		
Without a rope or hoseline:			
a. Feels the door and verbalizes that the door must be checked for heat before entering	1		
b. on hands or knees	1		
c. Starts search on outside wall and performs consistent turns (always to right or left)	1		
d. Completely searches one room before moving on to the next room	1		
e. Moves and/or searches behind, on, under all furniture	1		
f. Searches all closets and small crawl spaces	1		
g. After completing room search, marks door or leaves a sign that room has been searched	1		
h. Communicates well with partner	1		
i. Verbalizes that he or she should stop periodically to listen for sounds	1		
TOTAL POINTS:	18		

Points needed to pass: 13



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Evaluator/Candidate Comments:

Certifying Examiner

Date

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Overall Skill Sheet Score	
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INSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS

RESCUE #4

Removing Victims from Hazardous Environments

Subject: Fireground Operations

NFPA 1001 5.3.9

Firefighter I

OBJECTIVE

The firefighter trainee, while wearing full protective clothing and given proper equipment, shall demonstrate the proper technique for removal of an injured person from a hazardous environment. The firefighter trainee will demonstrate the techniques of packaging a victim for emergency transportation. The trainee shall accomplish the skill in 9 minutes or less.

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective

Given the proper equipment, and wearing full protective clothing, you shall demonstrate each of the carries, drags, and the use of a stretcher. Using approved procedures for removing an injured person from a hazardous atmosphere, you will accomplish this skill in 9 minutes. You shall complete the mandatory steps while performing this skill. You will begin on my instruction to start. Each skill will end when you have moved the victim 20 feet from the initial site, and you state to me that you have completed all of the identified steps. Time will end when you have completed all three skills. For skills that require more than one person, extra personnel will be provided. The extra team members cannot discuss or provide any information to the trainee. You will give all directions when the skills require more than one person. Do you understand these instructions?

EXAMINERS NOTE

The firefighter trainee will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT

Blanket

Bunker coat

Stretcher or backboard

Individual or rescue mannequin

SCBA, ladders, forcible entry tools, hose lines, flashlight

The firefighter trainee shall accomplish the skill wearing "**FULL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTERS**" to include helmet, coat, boots, hood, gloves, and trousers. Firefighter trainee will not don face piece or hood.



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FIREFIGHTER I: RESCUE #4

Removing Victims from Hazardous Environments

Candidate: _____

Notes: _____

Examiner: _____

School: _____

Test Site: _____

The firefighter trainee, while wearing full protective clothing and given proper equipment, shall demonstrate the proper technique for removal of an injured person from a hazardous environment. The firefighter trainee will demonstrate the techniques of packaging a victim for emergency transportation. The trainee shall accomplish the skill in 9 minutes or less.

	POSSIBLE POINTS	TEST	RETEST
Carry:			
a. Stands at the patient's head and directs the other rescuer to patient's feet	1		
b. Slips his/her arms under the victim's arms and around the chest, grasping the wrists	1		
c. Directs the other rescuer to kneel between patient's legs and grasps under the knees	1		
d. Stands with other rescuer and carries the patient a minimum of 20 feet. (Trainee gives commands to stand)	1		
Drag:			
a. Kneels at the patient's head and grasps the patient's clothing near the shoulders	1		
b. Supports the patient's head between his/her arms	1		
c. Drags the patient a minimum of 20 feet from the initial site	1		
Stretcher:			
a. Takes control of patient care and gives clear, concise orders when moving the patient	1		
b. Properly moves patient to stretcher	1		
c. Lifts and directs others to lift with leg muscles only (not bent over)	1		
d. Carries the patient successfully a minimum of 20 feet	1		
e. Completes the skill in allotted time	1		
TOTAL POINTS:	12		

Points needed to pass: 9



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INSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS

RESCUE #2

Life Safety Harness Inspection

Subject: Rescue Operations

NFPA 1001 6.4.2

Firefighter II

OBJECTIVE

The firefighter trainee, given a specific life safety harness, shall properly inspect the harness for damage according to correct procedures for that harness. The trainee shall verbalize to the examiner four (4) conditions that would indicate damage and possible removal from service. The trainee shall accomplish all of the identified steps in less than 3 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective

You shall inspect a life safety harness for damage. You shall verbalize the mandatory steps while performing this skill. You have 3 minutes to accomplish this skill. You will begin on my instruction to start. The skill will end when you state to me that you have completed all of the identified steps. Do you understand these instructions?

EXAMINERS NOTE

The firefighter trainee will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT

NFPA Class I, II, & III Life Safety Harnesses

Fire fighting helmet

Eye protection



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FIREFIGHTER II: RESCUE #2

Life Safety Harness Inspection

Candidate: _____

Notes: _____

Examiner: _____

School: _____

Test Site: _____

The firefighter trainee, given a specific life safety harness, shall properly inspect the harness for damage according to correct procedures for that harness. The trainee shall verbalize to the examiner four (4) conditions that would indicate damage and possible removal from service. The trainee shall accomplish all of the identified steps in less than 3 minutes.

The Candidate:	POSSIBLE POINTS	TEST	RETEST
a. Verbally explains that harnesses should be inspected after each use and periodically between uses	1		
b. Verbally explains checking for cuts, abrasions and other abnormal wear spots indicated by fuzz in the webbing	1		
c. Verbally explains checking buckles and other metal parts for cracks, corrosion, or other abnormalities	1		
d. Verbally explains that non-destructive testing should be done on a regular basis	1		
e. Completes skill in allotted time	1		
TOTAL POINTS:	5		

Points needed to pass: 4

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INSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS

RESCUE #3

Identifying and Donning Life Safety Harness

Subject: Rescue Operations

NFPA 1001 6.4.2

Firefighter II

OBJECTIVE

The firefighter trainee shall properly don, according to the correct procedures, a specific life safety harness while wearing a fire fighting helmet. The trainee shall verbally identify the classes of life safety harnesses and explain their intended use. The trainee shall accomplish the identified skill in less than 3 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective

You shall verbally identify the classes of life safety harnesses and explain their intended use. Given a specific life safety harness by the examiner, you shall properly don the life safety harness according to the correct procedures for the selected harness. You have 3 minutes to complete this skill. You will begin on my instruction to start. The skill will end when you state to me that you have completed all of the identified steps. Do you understand these instructions?

EXAMINERS NOTE

The firefighter trainee will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT

NFPA Class I, II, & III Life Safety Harnesses

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FIREFIGHTER II: RESCUE #3

Identifying and Donning Life Safety Harness

Candidate: _____

Notes: _____

Examiner: _____

School: _____

Test Site: _____

The firefighter trainee shall properly don, according to the correct procedures, a specific life safety harness while wearing a fire fighting helmet. The trainee shall verbally identify the classes of life safety harnesses and explain their intended use. The trainee shall accomplish the identified skill in less than 3 minutes.

The Candidate:	POSSIBLE POINTS	TEST	RETEST
a. Verbally identifies and explains the three types of harnesses and their intended uses: 1. Class I: To secure firefighters to ladders and other objects 2. Class II: Seat harness that will support the weight of two people 3. Class III: Body harness that will support the weight of two people and a chest strap to prevent inversion of the wearer	1		
b. Dons the harness selected by the examiner (examiner to check with instructor for proper donning procedure of specific harness)	1		
c. Tightens any straps as necessary	1		
d. Completes skill in allotted time	1		
TOTAL POINTS:	4		

Points needed to pass: 3

Evaluator/Candidate Comments:

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INSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS

RESCUE #6

Lowering a Victim with a Rope Rescue System

Subject: Rescue Operations

NFPA 1001 6.4.2

Firefighter II

OBJECTIVE

The firefighter trainee and designated team members shall demonstrate properly raising and lowering a person with a rope rescue system.

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective

You and designated team members, given appropriate rope rescue equipment, will demonstrate properly raising and lowering a person a minimum of 3 feet, using an approved rope rescue method. You will be required to complete the mandatory steps while performing this skill. You will begin on my instruction to start. The skill will end when you state to me that you have completed all of the identified steps. Do you understand these instructions?

EXAMINERS NOTE

The firefighter trainee will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT

Various rope rescue equipment suitable for evolution

24 foot ladder or larger

The firefighter trainee shall accomplish the skill wearing a helmet, gloves, trousers, and boots.



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FIREFIGHTER II: RESCUE #6

Lowering a Victim with a Rope Rescue System

Candidate: _____

Notes: _____

Examiner: _____

School: _____

Test Site: _____

The firefighter trainee and designated team members shall demonstrate properly raising and lowering a person with a rope rescue system.

The Candidate:	POSSIBLE POINTS	TEST	RETEST
a. Selects the appropriate equipment	1		
b. Inspects the equipment and makes sure the equipment is in good working order	1		
c. Arranges the equipment properly for the skill (life safety harness or double loop figure-of-eight with a half hitch)	1		
d. Threads rope through the ladder in preparation for hoisting	1		
e. Attaches a tag line	1		
f. Raises and lowers victim at least 3 feet	1		
TOTAL POINTS:	6		

Points needed to pass: 5

Evaluator/Candidate Comments:

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Overall Skill Sheet Score	
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