



# **State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas**

Texas Volunteer Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Certification Board

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## **TESTING SKILLS**

### **PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS #1**

Selecting the Appropriate Fire Extinguisher

**Subject: Fireground Operations**  
**NFPA 1001 5.3.16**

**Section 101**  
**Firefighter I**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

Extinguish incipient Class A, Class B, and Class C fires, given a selection of portable fire extinguishers, so that the correct extinguisher is chosen, the fire is completely extinguished, and correct extinguisher-handling techniques are followed. (5.3.16)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective**

You shall demonstrate the operation of fire extinguishers on a Class A, B or C fire. You are required to properly select an appropriate extinguisher, properly approach, extinguish, and withdraw after the fire is completely extinguished. Only one extinguisher may be used on each class of fire. 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**

Maximum safe distances for:

- Water extinguisher - 30 feet
- AFFF extinguisher - 25 feet
- Dry chemical - 20 feet

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

#### **PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT**

Stored-pressure water extinguisher - 2½ gallons

AFFF extinguisher - 2½ gallons

Dry chemical extinguisher - 20 pound

16 square foot metal pan (minimum size) Class A fuel

Class B fuel

Class C fuel (may be simulated)

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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Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

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School: \_\_\_\_\_

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Test Site: \_\_\_\_\_

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	POSSIBLE POINTS	TEST	RETEST
a. Selects an appropriate extinguisher based on the size and type of fire	1		
b. Safely carries portable fire extinguishers	1		
c. Approaches fire with portable fire extinguishers	1		
d. Operates portable fire extinguisher correctly	1		
e. Ensures extinguishment of fire	1		
f. Performs skill in a safe and proficient manner	1		
<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b>	<b>6</b>		

**Points needed to pass: 4**

**Evaluator/Candidate Comments:**

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Re-Test Certifying Examiner

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