



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

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### **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

#### **FIREFIGHTER SAFETY # 2**

Techniques for Actions When Trapped or Disoriented

#### **PERFORMANCE STANDARD**

**Section 23-1.4, 23-2.1(b,d)**

**NFPA 1001 3-3.1(b), 3-3.4(a)**

**Basic/Intermediate**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The firefighter shall describe and demonstrate techniques for actions when trapped or disoriented in a fire situation or hostile environment. The evaluation will involve one of the following techniques: (which will be selected by Staff Examiner)

1. Reversing the entry path by keeping in contact with walls at all times
2. Reversing the entry path by following a hose line to the exit (feeling couplings)
3. Activate Personal Safety System (PASS), portable radio
4. Reversing the entry path with life line (rope)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS: procedures for achieving the objectives**

While wearing protective clothing, the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus mask will be taped over, darkened to eliminate vision, or use a smoke charged atmosphere. You will demonstrate techniques for the actions required when trapped or disoriented in a fire situation or hostile environment. 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:**

Place a charged hose line inside the structure with twists, turns, and loops or use multiple sections of hose.

Place the firefighter in the center of structure and attempt to disorient him/her.

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

#### **PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT:**

Required 1 ½" or 2 ½" hose line and nozzle

Portable radio (simulation of communication)

100' lifeline

The firefighter shall accomplish the skill wearing **“FULL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTERS”** as required by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas to include helmet, gloves, coat, trousers, boots, SCBA, and PASS device.

#### **REFERENCE SOURCE:**

IFSTA, Essentials of Fire Fighting, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, page 181



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Firefighter: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

**If the firefighter:**

**(No Partial points given)**

- \* a. **Appears to remain calm** P/F \_\_\_\_\_
  - \* b. **Reverses entry path, locates wall, and maintains contact with wall at all times during exit** P/F \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. **Makes all turns in same direction (right or left) until out of the area** 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. **Locates entrance door, remains close to the floor area throughout the skill** 1.0 \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. **Completes the skill in less than 5 minutes** 1.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- Time \_\_\_\_\_ minutes \_\_\_\_\_ seconds**

**OR**

**Following hose line:**

- \* a. **Appears to remain calm** P/F \_\_\_\_\_
  - \* b. **Reverses entry path, locates hose line, determines proper direction using coupling** P/F \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. **Remains on hands and knees throughout the skill** 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. **Completes the skill in less than 5 minutes** 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- Time \_\_\_\_\_ minutes \_\_\_\_\_ seconds**

**OR**

**Activating PASS and using radio:**

- a. **Manually activates PASS to sound alert** 1.0 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. **Uses proper radio procedure to contact other personnel** 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. **Completes skill in less than 2 minutes** 1.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- Time \_\_\_\_\_ minutes \_\_\_\_\_ seconds**



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### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT # 1

Inspection of PPE

**OR**

#### Rollover protection:

	a.	Drops to floor	2.0	_____
*	b.	<b>Immediately sets fog pattern to full fog</b>	<b>P/F</b>	_____
*	c.	<b>Directs fog pattern toward ceiling above</b>	<b>P/F</b>	_____
	d.	Exits fire area immediately	1.0	_____
	e.	Completes skill in less than 1 minute	1.0	_____
		<b>Time _____ minutes _____ seconds</b>		

Total points possible: 4

Total points needed to pass: 3

Total points scored by this firefighter: \_\_\_\_\_

All mandatory steps successfully passed: YES ( ) NO ( )

Performance rating of firefighter on this standard: PASS \_\_\_\_\_ FAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: First Attempt Retest

\* **Denotes mandatory passage of this step**



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