

ERIE COUNTY DIV. OF FIRE SAFETY – TRAINING GUIDELINES				
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Training		Live Fire Training Evolutions		

1006.01 Scope:

This training procedure establishes guidelines for conducting live fire training evolutions at county facilities or by county fire training instructors while working at an off-site location.

1006.02 Background:

With the advent of recent training accidents around New York State, focus is on making live fire evolution based training safer.

NYS OFPC has released two new classes: 1A-Live Fire Training Safety and 1B-Conducting Live Fire Training Evolutions. They have also advised all agencies not to conduct live fire training until the persons performing the burns have been trained in these courses and only if the burns are delivered in compliance with NFPA Standard 1403.

1006.03 Instructor Education:

All county fire instructors, and state fire instructors using our facilities, are required to receive the training mentioned above.

1006.04 Policy:

In an effort to ensure conformity and continuity between county and state fire training, applicable portions of the Live Fire Training Policy of the New York State Office of Fire Prevention & Control have been adopted as the Erie County Fire Safety Division’s Live Fire Training Policy. Instructors and participants should review and familiarize themselves with the attached policy.

The applicable portions of the NYS OFPC will be incorporated into this guide and a more comprehensive policy will be created and distributed at a later date.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- Failure to comply with NFPA Standard 1403 on Live Fire Training or other safety guidelines will be cause for termination of the training exercise.
- Erie County Fire Safety defines “live fire” as any training where smoke is generated by anything other than a non-toxic smoke-generating machine.
- Only the Fire Instructor is to start all fires using only flares or matches, and only after a charged hose line is in place. The Fire Instructor must notify all of the participants when the fire is being started.

- Fires comprised of only hay and small pieces of wood are to be created ONLY in the fireplace(s) or burn containers located in each facility.
- Avoid building fires near walls or where it may impinge on other exposed surfaces.
- Very large hot fires are not to be made, as the fires and their extinguishment destroy the integrity of the building. The smokehouses and towers are not built for large volume combustible fed fires.
- Whole pallets, furniture, rubbish, tires or other combustibles, smoke bombs or combustible or flammable liquids are not to be used as fuel for tower or smokehouse operations.
- Overstuffed furniture, rubbish, tires, smoke bombs or combustible or flammable liquids are not to be used as fuel for training evolutions in the Class 'A' Live Burn Facility.
- Pallets are placed underneath the hay storage area to allow it to breath. Do not use these pallets for supplementing hay burns. Use broken pallet pieces ONLY to sustain hay burns (from the dumpster marked "Unburned Wood Only.")
- **SEE NYS OFPC LIVE BURN POLICY**