

ERIE COUNTY DIV. OF FIRE SAFETY – TRAINING GUIDELINES				
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Training		Pre-Requisites		

1008.01 Scope:

This training guideline is established to ensure that participants at county fire training facilities or under the direction of county fire instructors have met the necessary pre-requisites to participate in the evolution scheduled.

1008.02 Pre-requisites:

County and state training courses and training evolutions are open to all active firefighters and appropriate emergency response personnel as authorized members of a volunteer or paid fire company, fire department, fire brigade, hazardous materials response team, emergency squad, ambulance corps or other appropriately recognized agency.

Attendance at any training is limited to only those participants who have met all pre-requisites of a given course or training evolution.

1008.03 Hands-On Evolutions:

For any hands-on evolution training, it must be verified that each firefighter:

- ✓ Is designated as an active firefighter as defined by NYS General Municipal Law and covered by Volunteer Firemens Benefit Law (VFBL) and/or workmen’s compensation insurance; or otherwise specific to their classification as determined by the safety guidelines of the New York State Department of Labor, their governing agency and/or NYS General Municipal Law 204b. New York State recognizes active firefighters age 16 and up.
- ✓ Has a current OSHA compliant fire fighter physical and SCBA mask fit test
- ✓ Is physically capable of performing the required operations of the evolution
- ✓ Has successfully completed:
 - NYS OFPC 91-Basic Firefighter course and a 92-Intermediate Firefighter with passed final exam stamp; or
 - NYS OFPC 02-Firefighting Essentials course; or
 - NYS OFPC 1S-Firefighter 1 course; or
 - Is participating in the live fire training as part of their enrollment in a 1S-Firefighter 1 course under the direction of a NYS OFPC instructor.

1008.04 Live Fire:

Live fire training is defined as smokehouse, tower or live burn building training where combustibles are lit and burned, including, but not limited to hay, pallets, furniture and other common combustibles. Oil pit fires are also considered live fire training evolutions.

To participate in live fire training, it must be verified that each firefighter meets the same pre-requisites of hands-on training evolutions AND:

- ✓ Is trained and capable of use of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
- ✓ Is physically capable of interior/live fire fighting operations

1008.05 Confined Space:

For confined space training, it must be verified that each firefighter:

- ✓ Has a current OSHA compliant fire fighter physical and SCBA mask fit test
- ✓ Has completed a NYS OFPC Basic Firefighter course with passed final exam stamp or 02-Firefighting Essentials or NYS OFPC 1S-Firefighter 1 course.
- ✓ Has completed a NYS OFPC “Confined Space Awareness” course
- ✓ Is trained and capable of use of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
- ✓ Is physically capable of confined space operations

1008.06 Exclusion:

Firefighters who do not meet these pre-requisites shall not be allowed to participate in the scheduled training.

Untrained observers will not be allowed inside any live fire training facility during live fire exercises unless previously approved by the fire coordinator or deputy fire coordinator.

1008.07 Documentation:

Verification of the pre-requisite compliance must be documented in the appropriate space by the fire department “Officer in Charge-OIC” of the training evolution on the Erie County Fire Safety Form#1025 – Field Training Attendance Record.

Each participant will also certify by signature on the same form that they meet these pre-requisites.