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Division of Fire Safety

NYS OFPC

Firefighter 1

Student Packet

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Firefighter 1

Course Preparation Suggestions:

Delivery of this 87-hour Firefighter 1 course will be very labor intensive for both the students and the instructors. Some sections of this course are very physically and intellectually challenging. If you are not conditioned, you may struggle to get through the evolutions necessary to pass the course. While everyone involved is dedicated to ensuring your success, you must be equally dedicated and prepared.

If you have any physical or learning limitations that may impact your successful completion of the course, please make the lead instructor aware of the situation prior to, or at the start of the course.

Following is a list of suggestions to better prepare you before coming to your assigned course:

1. All of the required reading is from the Thomson-Delmar "Essentials of Fire Fighting" book, second (NY) edition. If your fire department does not have these books, you may purchase one at the Training & Operations Center in Cheektowaga.
2. Complete the Introductory Incident Command Course IS-100 course online at: <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is100b.asp> and bring your certificate of completion with you to class.
3. Practice putting on and taking off your Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including gloves and hood. Make sure that the PPE is good fitting and compliant for the fire service. No non-compliant fire gear will be permitted.
4. Practice 'donning and doffing' your SCBA on top of your PPE. The national standard we will be striving for by the end of the course is for you to don your complete PPE and SCBA in less than two minutes.
5. Be sure to always have hydration materials with you and hydrate frequently.
6. All registered students and designated alternates must bring the following items to the first unit of the course:
 - o Completed and signed NYS OFPC Training Authorization Letter (Form can be downloaded from www.erie.gov/fire)
 - o Thomson Delmar Firefighting Essentials Manual – 2nd New York Edition (Available for purchase at the Training & Operations Center)
 - o Complete set of Personal Protective Equipment including helmet, hood, coat, pants, boots, firefighting gloves and complete SCBA with one extra spare SCBA bottle (two total.) All SCBA bottles must be hydrostatic tested compliant. Face pieces must be fit tested.
 - o One (1) 15 ft. length of ½" kern mantle rope (no close line)
7. All registered students must attend the first unit of the course or their seat will be forfeited. Contact the instructor if you are unable to attend the first unit.
8. Erie County Fire Safety SOG#1011 "Unexcused Absence Policy" and associated fees apply to all students who fail to attend the first unit of any course without proper notice.
9. Fire departments sending recruits to the Firefighter 1 course are expected to provide equipment, manpower and/or apparatus as requested to assist in the course delivery. See attached list of needed equipment.

ERIE COUNTY DIV. OF FIRE SAFETY – TRAINING GUIDELINES				
SOG#	SUPERSEDES	CREATED	LAST UPDATED	REVISION#
1009	---	03/02	---	0
SECTION		AREA		
Training		SCBA Face-piece Seal Protection		

1009.01 Scope:

This training procedure establishes guidelines for ensuring the safety of training participants with facial hair or other conditions that may impede the SCBA face-piece to face seal.

1009.02 Background:

While it is the responsibility of each firefighter’s employer to ensure their compliance with appropriate OSHA regulations, it is ultimately the responsibility of Erie County Fire Safety Instructors to ensure the safety of all participants.

Thus, it is this division’s policy to enforce compliance with OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard 29 CFR 1910.134 of students participating at county training facilities or under the direction of county fire instructors.

This policy is a reiteration of the above mentioned OSHA standard and OSHA’s standard interpretations of this policy.

1009.03 Seal Protection Policy:

Per the above referenced OSHA standard, students shall not be allowed to wear SCBA or be permitted to participate in evolutions which may expose them to smoke or toxic environments (live fire):

1. If they have facial hair (including beard, goatee or moustache) that comes between the sealing surface of the face-piece and the face
2. If they have any other condition that may interfere with a proper face to face-piece seal or valve function

This is applicable to fire training situations as well as confined-space training programs.

Typical Reading and Skill Assignments for Firefighter 1 Course

DAY	READING ASSIGNMENTS	SKILL SHEETS*
	PP - 1 THRU 4	None
	PP - 21 TO 36, CPT. 5 - 723 TO 733; COMPLETE ICS 100; PP - 75 TO 86, 91 TO 103, CPT. 13, CPT. 6, CPT. 7.	6 - 1, 7 - 1, 7 - 2, 7 - 2A, 7 - 2B
	PP 460 TO 481, CPT. 8	7 - 3, 7 - 7, 7 - 8, 16 - 1, 16 - 2, 16 - 3, 8 - 1
	PP 733 TO 738, CPT. 15,	7 - 4, 7 - 5, 7 - 6, 23 - 1, 23 - 2, 23 - 3, 23 - 4, 23 - 5, 15 - 1, 15 - 2
	CPT. 17, CPT. 14, CPT. 18	17 - 1, 17 - 2, 18 - 1
	PP - 632 TO 652, PP - 202 TO 212, PP - 220 TO 274 MID-TERM	14 - 1, 14 - 2, 14 - 3, 20 - 1, 20 - 2, 20 - 3, 10 - 1, 10 - 2, 10 - 3, 10 - 4, 10 - 5, 10 - 6, 10 - 7, 10 - 8, 10 - 9, 10 - 10
	PP - 281 TO 295, CPT. 19	10 - 1, 10 - 2, 10 - 3, 10 - 4, 10 - 5, 10 - 6, 10 - 7, 10 - 8, 10 - 9, 10 - 10
	PP - 45 TO 68, PP - 308 TO 317, PP - 325 TO 329; PP - 658 TO 660, PP - 677 TO 684, CPT. 24, CPT. 25	12 - 1
	CPT. 26, CPT. 27, CPT. 28, PP - 86 TO 91.	19 - 3
	CPT. 29, CPT. 30, PP - 497 TO 500	19 - 2, 26 - 1, 28 - 1, 29 - 1
	FINAL TEST	ALL

AS OF: 08/10/07

Firefighter 1 Learning Agreement

NYS Firefighter I is designed to prepare entry level firefighters to respond to emergencies. This course is designed to accomplish the objectives of NFPA 1001 and NFPA 472 and trains the entry level firefighter as an interior structural firefighter in accordance with OSHA regulations 1910.156 Fire Brigade Standard, 1910.134 Respiratory Standard, 1910.120 Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials, 1910.146 Confined Space Entry Standard and 1910.147 Control of Hazardous Energy Standard.

This course is 87 hours in length, which is broken up into 29 lessons which will be accomplished in night and weekend sessions. Tests and measurements are a necessary element in the learning process.

Student Attendance:

Sessions must be attended. In the event of an unavoidable absence, the student shall notify the lead instructor. The student may have to make up the class in order to pass the course.

Student Obligations:

Students are provided with a copy of the Firefighter I outline. Students shall have completed the required reading and be prepared for unit tests, and to participate in discussions. All students shall bring with them to class; personal protective equipment, writing instrument and paper unless otherwise indicated by the instructor. Completes the NIMS 700 self study and provides proof of completion to the instructor prior to the completion of the class. The NIMS test can be obtained from the instructor or through a web site.

Written Exams:

All students will be given at least 2 written exams. The midterm exam is conducted in lesson 13, and the final exam at the end of the course. Both exams have a passing grade of 70% or better. All students must pass these two exams to receive credit for the course. If a student fails any of the written tests, then they will be allowed to make it up at the convenience of the instructor or if the instructor is unavailable, they will have to retake the exam in another class.

Practical Skills Evaluations:

All students will be given skills during various times during the program. Every student is expected to pass all skills. If a student fails a skill, the instructor may elect to provide a make-up for that particular skill or remove the student from the class.

Physical Fitness:

All students must be fit enough to safely complete skills. Students must have been determined to be fit for firefighting and must have received a fit test for the equipment that they are using in the course. Students will be training in an IDLH atmosphere during the course.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

Judgment:

- Makes reasonable, safe decisions when attempting to accomplish a task or solve a problem
- Is courteous and respectful
- Handles interpersonal conflicts effectively

Communication:

- Uses appropriate tone of voice
- Articulates in a clear, logical and understandable manner
- Displays Confidence
- Is persuasive and makes a positive impression
- Demonstrates appropriate non-verbal communication techniques

Teamwork:

- Effectively works with others in order to accomplish tasks or solve problems
- Offers help to team members when needed
- Consistently demonstrates safe practices for self and others

Problem Solving:

- Approaches problems in a safe, logical, and well thought out fashion
- Seeks pro-active solutions to problems

Initiative/Motivation/Work Ethic:

- Accomplishes tasks or goals without being ordered, coerced or motivated by others
- Demonstrates desire for personal and professional development
- Accomplishes tasks or goals with a "safety first" attitude
- Takes on additional tasks or duties
- Actively seeks academic and technical knowledge for self improvement
- Is reliable in following safety practices in all situations

Adaptability/Stress Management:

- Remains calm in stressful situations
- Adapts behavior in order to deal with changing situations in a safe manner
- Adapts behavior in order to accomplish individual and or/organizational goals
- Recognizes symptoms of stress in self and seeks to deal with stress appropriately

Integrity:

- Is sincere and honest when dealing with others
- Keeps commitments
- Respects personal property of others/their departments
- Portrays professional image in speech, action and appearance
- Obeys all policies of the Office of Fire Prevention & Control and the hosting agency

I have read and understand the agreement as written above and will abide by all the above policies.
I understand that I will be held accountable for any actions that are not in accordance with the above.
I understand that I will be removed from class and not be able to continue in the class if I do not abide by these performance expectations.

Print Name

Sign Name

Date



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Dear Fire Chief or Training Officer:

Your firefighter has enrolled in a Firefighter I training course conducted by the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control. We strive to give your firefighter the best fire training experience and we are asking for your support during this course to accomplish that goal. Your leadership and guidance will help your firefighter succeed.

The instructor team and the training center staff are very excited about this training opportunity to emphasize learning, discipline, respect, teamwork, camaraderie, and resourcefulness – preparing your recruit to be “combat ready.”

The orientation is the first lesson of Firefighter I. Please see the public safety training schedule for the date and time of the first (orientation) class for your recruit’s Firefighter I Course.

This lesson provides the student with course requirements, instructor expectations and course completion policies to prepare the student firefighter for the educational tasks ahead.

Accompanying your firefighter to this orientation lesson would demonstrate your commitment to your firefighter’s training and demonstrate the importance you place on your firefighter being well trained and prepared to perform the best, but most dangerous job in the world.

At this lesson the instructor will explain any need for your department to supply equipment, apparatus and, occasionally, experienced firefighters to assist in the training of your firefighter.

Please ensure that your firefighter brings a completed and signed New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Training Authorization letter. That letter must be signed by a chief officer stating the student has completed a mask fit test and received medical clearance for S.C.B.A. use. This form is included in this packet or can be downloaded from the Erie County Fire Safety web site at <http://www.erie.gov/fire>.

If possible, please accompany your firefighter to the orientation lesson. If you are unable to attend, please send an assistant chief, training officer or other appropriate representative.

Our team of state fire instructors looks forward to meeting with you and aiding in the development of your new firefighter.

Please carefully review all of the information in this student packet with your recruit(s). In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us or the lead instructor should you have any questions or require further information.

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**New York State
Department of State
Office of Fire Prevention and Control
Training Authorization Letter**

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To the Office of Fire Prevention and Control:

The firefighter listed below is an active member of _____ Fire Department and is authorized to attend the course indicated below. I understand this training course may contain certain evolutions that simulate and/or create actual firefighting or rescue conditions. The Office of Fire Prevention and Control is not responsible and/or liable for any malfunction or damage to any equipment used during this training program.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Fire Chief Authorization

Fire Department	FDID #	Date	
Fill in YES or NO		YES	NO
The firefighter listed below has medical clearance to use Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, (SCBA), in accordance with 29 C.F.R. part 1910.			
The firefighter listed below is authorized to use SCBA and participate in interior /exterior firefighting evolutions.			
If you cannot answer the questions above because you do not know the requirements of 29 C.F.R. Part 1910 or do not know whether the firefighter listed below is authorized to use SCBA, please contact your County Fire Coordinator or OFPC.			
Print Chief's Name	Chief's Signature		

Course Information

Course Code #	Course Title
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Student Information

Last Name	First	MI
Address	City	State
Home Phone ()	Work Phone ()	Zip

I, _____, PRINT NAME OF FIREFIGHTER have read, fully understand and agree with above information. I understand and acknowledge the importance of safety during the training course and further acknowledge that if an instructor believes that my behavior or abilities may cause a safety risk to myself or another, the instructor has the authority to remove me from the simulation or course.

SIGNATURE OF FIREFIGHTER DATE

And, if firefighter is under the age of 18, the following consent must be provided:

I, _____, PRINT parent or legal guardian of _____, PRINT NAME OF FIREFIGHTER consent to his/her participation in the training listed above. I have read, fully understand, and agree with the above information. I understand and acknowledge that safety is important during the training course and further authorize the instructor to remove _____, PRINT NAME OF FIREFIGHTER from the simulation or course if the instructor believes that his/her behavior or abilities may cause a safety risk to himself/herself or another.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED LEGAL GUARDIAN DATE

PRINTED NAME RELATIONSHIP TO FIREFIGHTER