

**CHAPTER 73****STANDARDS FOR FIRE SERVICE TRAINING  
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**SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS****5:73-1.1 Titles, division into subchapters**

(a) The rules contained in this chapter shall be known as “Standards for Fire Service Training and Certification” and are referred to herein as the Standards.

(b) The Standards are divided into seven parts:

1. Subchapter 1 is entitled “General Provisions” and may be cited throughout the Standards as N.J.A.C. 5:73-1, and when referred to in subchapter 1 of this chapter, may be referred to as this subchapter.

2. Subchapter 2 is entitled “Educational Programs and Facilities” and may be cited throughout the Standards as N.J.A.C. 5:73-2, and when referred to in subchapter 2 of this chapter, may be referred to as this subchapter.

3. Subchapter 3 is reserved.

4. Subchapter 4 is entitled “Firefighter I” and may be cited throughout the Standards as N.J.A.C. 5:73-4, and when referred to in subchapter 4 of this chapter, may be referred to as this subchapter.

5. Subchapter 5 is entitled "Instructor" and may be cited throughout the Standards as N.J.A.C. 5:73-5, and when referred to in subchapter 5 of this chapter, may be referred to as this subchapter.

6. Subchapter 6 is entitled "Incident Management System Certification" and may be cited throughout the Standards as N.J.A.C. 5:73-6, and when referred to in subchapter 6 of this Chapter, may be referred to as this subchapter.

7. Subchapter 7 is entitled "Fire Police Officer Training" and may be cited throughout the Standards as N.J.A.C. 5:73-7, and when referred to in subchapter 7 of this chapter, may be referred to as this subchapter.

Amended by R.1998 d.85, effective February 17, 1998.  
See: 29 N.J.R. 3210(a), 30 N.J.R. 641(a).

In (b), substituted a reference to six parts for a reference to five parts, and added 6.

Amended by R.2001 d.57, effective February 20, 2001.  
See: 32 N.J.R. 3253(a), 33 N.J.R. 692(b).

In (b), substituted "seven" for "six" in the introductory paragraph, and added (b)7.

### 5:73-1.2 Authority

These standards are promulgated by the Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the authority of the Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, c.383, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192 et seq., specifically 52:27D-198 and 52:27D-219) and of the Act which establishes a Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs (P.L. 1983, c.382, amended by P.L. 1993, c.218; N.J.S.A. 52:27D-25a et seq., specifically 52:27D-25d, and further amended by P.L. 1995, c.266; N.J.S.A. 52:27D-25a et seq., specifically 52:27D-25i, j, k and m.)

Administrative change.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2886(b).

Amended by R.1998 d.85, effective February 17, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3210(a), 30 N.J.R. 641(a).

Added a reference to P.L. 1995, c.266; N.J.S.A. 52:27D-25a et seq., specifically 52:27D-25i, j, k, and m.

### 5:73-1.3 Intent and purpose

(a) It is the intent of the Standards to control all matters relating to qualifications for, and the training and certification of all members of the fire service, including firefighters and officers engaged in, or to be engaged in, fire suppression activities, and all fire service instructors.

1. For purposes of this chapter, "fire service" shall not include wildland and forestland firefighters in the State forest fire service.

(b) The Uniform Fire Safety Act and related legislation, specifically N.J.S.A. 52:27D-25a et seq., have been adopted to ensure public safety and welfare. In order for fire suppression activities to be conducted adequately and effectively, members of the fire service will need to have sufficient knowledge and competence. This can best be achieved through the creation of an education and training program and the development of certification requirements.

1. It is the purpose of this chapter to establish standards and procedures for the certification of persons involved in fire suppression activities including but not limited to firefighter recruits, firefighters, fire officers, and fire service instructors.

(c) Unless otherwise specifically provided, all references to article or section numbers or to provisions not specifically identified by number, shall be construed to refer to such article, section or provision of this chapter.

Amended by R.1997 d.286, effective July 21, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 722(a), 29 N.J.R. 3243(a).

Added (a)1.

### 5:73-1.4 Definitions

The following terms shall have the meanings indicated except where the context clearly requires otherwise.

"Acquired building" means any structure acquired by the eligible organization from a property owner for the purpose of conducting live fire training exercises.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs or his or her delegate.

"Department" means the Department of Community Affairs.

"Division" means the Division of Fire Safety of the Department of Community Affairs.

"Eligible organization" means a fire department or district, or a combination of fire departments or districts, an institution of higher learning, the New Jersey State Fire College or a recognized governmental entity which has been approved by the Division to offer courses or modules which meet the requirements of this chapter.

"Evolution" means a set of prescribed actions that result in an effective fireground activity.

"Fire police officer" means any member of a duly organized volunteer fire company who has the duty for performing traffic control, scene security, and other related duties at the scene of a public event, fire, fire drill or any other similar occasion.

"Fire service" means the State, a county or municipal agency or fire district utilizing volunteer, career or part-paid firefighters for rescue, fire suppression and related activities.

"Fire service instructor" means a career or volunteer or part-paid firefighter who has been certified by the division to deliver firefighter training after completing a prescribed curriculum. For purposes of this chapter, "fire service instructor" shall not include instructors of wildland and forestland firefighters in the State forest fire service.

Amended by R.1998 d.85, effective February 17, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3210(a), 30 N.J.R. 641(a).

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2001 d.57, effective February 20, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3253(a), 33 N.J.R. 692(b).

In (a) and (b), added references to certificates throughout.

#### 5:73-1.10 Fees

No application for certification or certificate shall be acted upon unless the application is accompanied by the appropriate fee. The fee for any certification or certificate issued pursuant to this chapter shall be \$5.00.

Amended by R.1997 d.123, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 5124(a), 29 N.J.R. 869(a).

Substituted single fee for existing fee schedule.

Amended by R.2001 d.57, effective February 20, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3253(a), 33 N.J.R. 692(b).

Added references to certificates throughout.

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## SUBCHAPTER 2. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES

### 5:73-2.1 Standards for educational programs

(a) To carry out their responsibilities, fire service personnel must be fully knowledgeable and adequately prepared.

This subchapter adopts standards for fire service training and education programs.

1. Programs for firefighters must meet certain standards to ensure firefighters have the necessary skills and knowledge which the specialized and hazardous nature of fire fighting requires.

2. Programs for fire service instructors must meet certain standards to ensure they have the knowledge and skills necessary to provide instruction for fire service members.

### 5:73-2.2 Eligible organizations

(a) A fire department or district, a combination of fire departments or districts, an institution of higher learning, the New Jersey State Fire College or a recognized governmental entity is eligible to submit an application to offer courses or modules which meet the requirements of this chapter.

1. To ensure accountability, any module or course for a firefighter 1 certification may only be offered by a fire department or district, a combination of fire departments or districts or a recognized governmental entity.

(b) An applicant for module or course approval shall have satisfied the following requirements:



- iv. It may be of wood frame, reinforced concrete, steel or other durable material;
- v. It shall have structurally sound interior and exterior walls which will withstand the force of master streams;
- vi. It shall contain stairways which provide means of access between floor levels;
- vii. All stairway treads should be slip resistant;
- viii. The drill tower should include provisions for standpipe connections at all floor levels of the facility;
- ix. Roof openings should be provided for practice of ventilation procedures;
- x. Safety railings should be provided for roof operations; and
- xi. A temporary or permanent safety net on at least one exterior side of the building should be provided.

(h) Live burn facility requirements are as follows:

1. The following apply to burn buildings:

- i. The purpose of the burn building is to safely train firefighters in methods of interior fire suppression. Every floor shall have an exterior exit or a second means of egress.
- ii. Walls, floors, ceilings, and other permanent features shall have strong resistance to heat generated by Class A materials.
- iii. Class B materials shall not be used for fuel except when part of an engineered and designed system, such as propane or natural gas simulation, certified by the manufacturer as having been installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations.
- iv. Emergency ventilation shall be provided by automatic or manual control of the roof openings, doors, and exterior shuttered windows.

2. The following apply to the flammable liquid and flammable gas area:

- i. This area should be located as remote from any building as possible. Fencing and/or curbing should be provided as a safety factor.
- ii. Pit aprons should be made of concrete, crushed stone, iron ore slag.
- iii. There shall be adequate water supply, fuel supply, fuel pumping capability and drainage.
- iv. If flammable liquid or gas is fed to an area, the flow shall be controlled by quick shutoff valves. In case of an emergency, an instantaneous shutdown will be necessary.

(i) The following relate to exemptions:

1. An exemption from the training facility requirements may be made upon the following findings:

- i. There is no facility in the immediate area where the training can be provided or there are minimum facilities in the area and all prospective applicants cannot be accommodated; and
- ii. That alternative training in the form of simulation or other method will be provided which will provide, to the greatest extent possible the same practice/drill opportunity.

2. An application for exemption to this section shall be filed in writing and set forth specifically:

- i. A statement of the requirements from which an exemption is sought;
- ii. A statement of the manner by which strict compliance with said provisions would result in practical difficulties; and
- iii. A statement of the feasible alternatives which would adequately provide the same practice/drill opportunity.

Amended by R.1995 d.59, effective March 6, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4249(a), 27 N.J.R. 891(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.286, effective July 21, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 722(a), 29 N.J.R. 3243(a).

In (h)1iv, substituted "ventilation shall be" for "ventilation should be".

**5:73-2.5 Live fire training permit**

(a) A permit shall be required and obtained from the Division of Fire Safety for live fire training in, or in any part of, any building, structure, motor vehicle or other training mock-up or area, or area of land or portion thereof, on which firefighters are to be trained.

1. Prior to conducting any live fire training, the instructor-in-charge shall ensure that each participant is certified as Firefighter I in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:73-4 or has been an active firefighter for a period of not less than 18 months prior to the date of the training evolution.

i. In lieu of such certification, or of the 18 months experience, a participant who is a candidate for certification as a Firefighter I shall have completed training modules 1 through 15, as specified in N.J.A.C. 5:73-4.3(a)29vi.

2. The instructor-in-charge shall accept verification of certification or experience, or of completion of the necessary training modules, from the chief of the participant's fire department, in writing, on fire department letterhead. Such verification shall become part of the written record required by (e)5 below.

(b) Permits shall be required, and shall be obtained from the Division, for any of the activities specified in this section. Permits shall at all times be kept at the premises

designated therein and shall at all times be subject to inspection by the Division.

(c) Any permanent fire service training organization shall be eligible to apply for an annual Type A permit to conduct live fire training exercises.

1. Initially, application for a permit shall be made not less than 10 business days prior to the anticipated start of live fire training exercises. Application for renewal of a permit shall be made no less than 10 business days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit. All applications for permits shall be made on form(s) provided by the Division.

2. Permits shall be valid for a period not to exceed one year from the date of issuance unless revoked or suspended in accordance with (f) below.

i. The expiration date of all Type A permits shall be July 31.

(d) Any fire department or district or any other training entity, whether public or private, that wishes to conduct live fire training in any non-permanent fire service training facility shall be eligible to apply for a permit to conduct live fire training exercises. Non-permanent facilities include, but shall not be limited to: acquired buildings, motor vehicles, on-site fire extinguisher training mock-ups, and any other training mock-up. N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(a)3viii shall regulate permits for live fire extinguisher training.

1. Application for a permit shall be made not less than 10 business days prior to the anticipated start of live fire training exercises. All applications for permits shall be made on form(s) provided by the Division.

2. Permits shall be valid for a period of 30 days from the date of issuance unless revoked or suspended in accordance with (f) below.

(e) Requirements for live fire training exercises are as follows:

1. Applications shall certify that all live fire training exercises shall be conducted in accordance with this section and with NFPA 1403, Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions in Structures, 1992 ed., with the exception of section 4-1.3 of that standard where propane, natural gas, or other approved fuel is utilized as part of an engineered and approved fire simulation system or, for evolutions performed outdoors, with NFPA 1406, Standard for Outside Live Fire Training Evolutions, 1993 ed. In the event of any conflict between this section and the NFPA standards, the provision of this section shall apply.

2. The instructor-in-charge of the live fire training exercise shall meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:73-5.3 and hold valid certification issued by the Division as a Fire Service Instructor Level 2, SCBA/Smokehouse Instructor and Live Burn Instructor.

i. All other instructors utilized for the live fire training exercise shall hold valid certification, at a minimum, as Fire Service Instructor Level 1, SCBA/Smokehouse Instructor and Live Burn Instructor.

3. All participants and instructors shall wear firefighter personal protective gear and equipment, including self contained breathing apparatus, that meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 12:100-10.5 through 10.10 when actively participating in live fire training exercises or when exposed to smoke or otherwise hazardous atmospheres.

4. Before any live fire training exercise is commenced, a safety checklist that has been approved by the Division shall be completed by the instructor in charge of the exercise. Such safety checklist shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:

i. Conducting a facility inspection to determine that:

(1) Hazards to personnel are identified and corrected or guarded;

(2) The live burn simulator (if applicable) is tested and found to be operational, in accordance with manufacturer's protocol. Manufacturer's protocol must be submitted if simulator is used.

(3) All emergency controls are tested and operating in accordance with manufacturer's instructions;

(4) The structural integrity of the building is confirmed. If a visual inspection reveals damage to structural members, the services of a professional shall be obtained to confirm and recommend corrective action. Such structural integrity shall be documented at least annually by an appropriate professional;

(5) Rubbish or excessive combustibles have been removed;

(6) All exits, including at least two means of egress per floor being utilized by students, are accessible and operable. In an existing building, one of the two required means of egress may be a fire escape, unless judged to be dangerous for use under emergency exiting conditions;

(7) Automatic or manual ventilation systems are provided and operational; and

(8) No person shall be placed inside the building to play the role of a victim;

ii. Conducting a briefing with all participants, to include:

(1) A discussion of participant safety;

(2) A familiarization of participants with the facility;

(3) A tour of the facility;

(4) A description of the evolutions to be performed, including operations;

(5) A description of the emergency contingency plan; and

(6) A description and demonstration of the emergency evacuation signal and the procedures to be followed if the signal is used;

iii. Inspecting personal protective equipment (PPE) including:

(1) All participants' PPE complies with N.J.A.C. 12:100-10, Standards for Firefighters;

(2) All required PPE is donned correctly before entry into a hazardous environment;

(3) Personal alert safety system (PASS) devices are activated before participant enters a hazardous area;

(4) Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is worn by all participants; and

(5) All SCBA cylinders are full at the commencement of the evolution;

iv. Assuring the adequacy of extinguishing capability, including:

(1) An adequate water supply;

(2) A minimum of 95 gpm is available through each hand line used for evolutions with actual lines sized to supply anticipated required flow rates;

(3) Properly rated and charged extinguishers are used for extinguisher training; and

(4) A minimum of one back-up hand line and crew are standing by, with line(s) sized to provide a flow at least equal to that required for the evolution, under the direction of a certified instructor;

v. Assuring the proper use of fuels with known burning characteristics, such as:

(1) Use only class A fuel of approved type;

(2) Use fuel at a rate consistent with extinguishing capability;

(3) LP-gas or natural gas used only as part of an engineered and approved system; and

(4) Reserve fuels are stored safely away from live fire; and

vi. Ensuring the safe conduct of the exercise, including:

(1) Provide sufficient staff, and make appropriate participant and instructor assignments, to safely accomplish objectives;

(2) Provide adequate instructor-to-student ratio. When students are firefighter I Candidate, Grade 2, that ratio shall be a minimum of one instructor for every five students;

(3) Designate a safety officer in accordance with the Fire Service Incident Management System rules, N.J.A.C. 5:75, with no added duties;

(4) Utilize a personnel accountability system;

(5) Provide participants with, or assure their possession of, all necessary tools and implements;

(6) Have emergency medical services (EMS) available. Qualified EMS personnel on site, with or without transport, shall be sufficient at a permanent fire service training facility;

(7) Provide rest, rehabilitation and fluid replenishment, as necessary; and

(8) Conduct evolution with full regard for environmental conditions, with exercises terminated or curtailed by extreme weather.

5. In addition to completing the checklist specified in (e)4 above, any application for a Type B permit shall include:

i. Evidence of clear title to the property;

ii. Written permission from the owner-of-record. A clear description of the anticipated condition of the acquired property at the end of the evolution shall be indicated in writing and acknowledged by the property owner;

iii. Proof of fire insurance cancellation or a signed statement of non-existence of fire insurance; and

iv. A brief report detailing a careful examination of the building to be acquired, including that:

(1) Floors, railings and stairs have been made safe;

(2) Potential chimney hazards have been addressed;

(3) Walls and ceilings are intact or have been patched;

(4) Any debris creating a hazardous condition has been removed;

(5) Low-density combustible fiberboard and unconventional or highly combustible interior finish is not present;

(6) Any extraordinary weight has been removed from the area above the space to be used for training or render the space below inaccessible;

(7) Utilities are disconnected;

(8) Adequate openings are made in the roof for ventilation;

(9) All forms of asbestos deemed hazardous to personnel have been removed; and

(10) Any adjacent exposures are properly protected.

6. Written records including information relating to the exercise shall be kept. Information shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- i. The date and time of exercise;
- ii. The names of instructors;
- iii. The names of participants;
- iv. The duration of the exercise; and
- v. Problems or abnormalities encountered during the exercise.

7. Any injury requiring admission to a hospital or death occurring during, or as a result of, any live fire training exercise shall be reported to the Division within 24 hours after the occurrence.

(f) The Division shall either approve or deny any application for permit within 10 business days after receipt of each application. If an application for permit is denied, the Division shall inform the applicant of the reason for denial and of any measures necessary to bring the application into compliance.

1. An application which has not been granted within 10 days shall be deemed to have been denied. Such denial may be appealed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:73-1.5(c).

(g) The Division may revoke a permit already issued or deny future applications for permits for just cause. Reasons for revocation may include, but shall not be limited to:

1. Unsafe actions during live fire training exercises;
2. Injuries or death resulting from unsafe actions during exercises; or
3. Violation of this section.

(h) The Commissioner shall enforce and administer this section and is authorized to issue compliance orders to persons and public entities in violation thereof, to petition the Superior Court for injunctive relief enforcing any compliance order, to levy and collect civil penalties of not more than \$500.00 per violation and to institute summary proceedings under the Penalty Enforcement Law (N.J.S.A. 2A:58-1 et seq.) in the Superior Court to recover penalties previously levied. Each day that a violation continues after notice to cease has been given by certified mail or personal service shall be deemed a separate violation.

New Rule, R.1997 d.286, effective July 21, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 722(a), 29 N.J.R. 3243(a).

Amended by R.2001 d.57, effective February 20, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3253(a), 33 N.J.R. 692(b).

In (d), added the last sentence to the introductory paragraph.

## SUBCHAPTER 3. (RESERVED)

## SUBCHAPTER 4. FIREFIGHTER I

### 5:73-4.1 Duties and responsibilities of firefighter I

(a) A certified firefighter I shall work under direct supervision.

(b) Prior to receiving a certification as firefighter I, firefighter candidates grade 1 and grade 2 may perform the designated functions after completing the following modules:

1. Upon successful completion of modules 1, 3a, 3b, 6a, 6b, 8a, 8b, 13a, 13b and 14 as described in N.J.A.C. 5:73-4.3, an individual shall receive a certification as a firefighter candidate grade 1 and may, under direct supervision, respond to fire alarms and assist in exterior firefighting involving laying and connecting hose lines and raising ladders.

2. Upon successful completion of modules 2a, 2b, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 11a, 11b, 12, and 15 as described in N.J.A.C. 5:73-4.3, an individual shall receive a certification as a firefighter candidate grade 2 and may, under direct supervision, assist with all exterior fireground operations.

3. Upon successful completion of all modules in N.J.A.C. 5:73-4.3, an individual shall receive a certification as a firefighter I and may perform interior structural firefighting under direct supervision.

### 5:73-4.2 Firefighter I certification

(a) A certification for firefighter I shall be granted to an individual who is at least 18 years of age and has met any one of the following requirements:

1. Shall have been an active member of a fire department for a period of not less than 18 months prior to July 1, 1994. Proof of active membership in a fire department shall be verified by a letter from the chief of the department on fire department letterhead;

2. Shall have completed, prior to July 1, 1994, a course of instruction approved in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:73-2.3(g); or

3. Has met all of the following requirements:

i. Has successfully completed all instructional modules listed in N.J.A.C. 5:73-4.3;

ii. Has taken and passed a written examination as established by N.J.A.C. 5:73-4.4(a); and

iii. Has successfully passed a skills test as established by N.J.A.C. 5:73-4.4(b).

Amended by R.1993 d.440, effective September 7, 1993.

2. Have satisfactorily met the training and demonstration of competency requirements for Hazardous Materials—On-Scene Incident Commander as set forth in 29 CFR 1910.120.

(b) It shall be the responsibility of the employer to maintain the necessary documentation as set forth in 29 CFR 1910.120.

#### 5:73-6.5 Continuing education

Continuing education requirements set forth in 29 CFR 1910.120 shall apply to all individuals holding Hazardous Materials—Awareness, Hazardous Materials—Operational and/or Hazardous Materials On-Scene Commander certification(s).

### SUBCHAPTER 7. FIRE POLICE OFFICER TRAINING

#### Authority

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#### 5:73-7.1 Intent and purpose

These rules establish standards governing the training and appointment of fire police officers.

#### 5:73-7.2 Fire police officer training program

(a) No member of a volunteer fire company shall be appointed or perform the duties of a fire police officer unless the member is properly trained by the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety.

(b) Candidates for fire police officer shall:

1. Be a member of a duly organized volunteer fire company;

2. Document the successful completion of the "New Jersey Fire Police Basic Training Course" or an equivalent course approved by the Division of Fire Safety; and

3. Take and subscribe an oath administered by the municipal clerk and subscribed to in triplicate.

i. The original copy of the oath shall be filed with the municipal clerk;

ii. A copy of the oath shall be filed with the secretary of the fire company making the appointment.

(c) Qualified members shall serve for a term of office not exceeding five years from the date of appointment.

(d) After proper training and appointment, a qualified member shall be recognized as a fire police officer and shall serve in such a capacity anywhere in the county in which he or she is appointed or in any other county where the member is called upon to act.

#### 5:73-7.3 Exemptions

Any person serving as a fire police officer on or before the effective date of P.L. 1998, c.61 (July 30, 1998) may continue to serve in that capacity.