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PRACTICAL SKILLS AND EXAMINATION HANDBOOK

Scenario 10

Structure Fire Ladder Operations Final Skills Examination

Attention Evaluators:

This final skills examination is designed to evaluate the Firefighter I/II candidate's ability to safely, effectively, and efficiently ladder a building for/perform vertical ventilation, and ladder for/perform a vent-enter-search operation of upper level floors.

This evaluation shall be performed in context with realism. This should be performed on a structure with a minimum of 2 floors. The vertical ventilation portion may be performed on a roof simulator if available, but the vent-enter-search must be performed through an elevated window ("elevated" meaning at least a 2nd floor window or higher). The search does not have to include finding a victim. This portion is to evaluate the skills of safe and accepted window entry, window ventilation, and search operations.

Student Instructions:

This scenario is designed to be completed by a company of four. The company of four will be divided into two teams of two. One team will complete the skills associated with laddering a roof and performing vertical ventilation. The other team will complete the skills associated with laddering an elevated window and performing a vent-enter-search operation. Once the scenario is completed the teams will switch assignments and complete the scenario again. This will ensure that all candidates participate in all skills assigned. It is up to the evaluators to ensure that candidates share in the work equally. Each member of the company of four will assume a role during the incident. The primary purpose of this incident is to evaluate the coordination of an incident therefore it is not necessary to have crews perform the functions of attack, rescue and RIT. This is to be conducted as a simulated fire scene. The evaluator will conduct a 360 of a simulated structure fire and the evaluator will communicate the incident conditions (fire and smoke condition, cars present, witness statements and so on). The incident commander will communicate incident objectives and order to the crew leaders. The evaluator will ensure that all incident needs are met. The incident will terminate when the primary objectives are met (ladder placement, roof access, ventilation, vent-enter-search).

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Condition

You are a member of a 4 person ladder company that gets dispatched to a simulated working structure fire. You are to establish vent group command and direct initial ladder company operations to include ladder the structure, ready vertical ventilation for the structure, and perform a vent-enter-search operation from an elevated window.

SKILL	Skill Sheet	COMPLETED
Appropriately receives and acknowledges alarm	M-80	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
**Demonstrate the donning of structural firefighter protective clothing	M-3	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Safely and appropriately mounts apparatus, securing seat belt and dismounts	M-1	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
**Performs scene size-up (<i>assume command and identify hazards</i>)	M-88	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Skill (Team A)		
**Selects, carries, and raises the appropriate ladder for the task	M-43	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
**Deploys a roof ladder	M-38	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Hoists appropriate ventilation tools using utility ropes	M-18	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
**Ventilates the structure	M-44	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Skill (Team B)		
**Selects, carries, and raises the appropriate ladder for the task	M-43	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Select tools for forcible entry	M-24	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
**Forced entry through a window	M-29	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
**Conduct a primary search	M-21	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

