

**State of Oregon**  
**Department of Public Safety Standards and Training**

**NFPA Fire Fighter I**  
(Including Entry Level Fire Fighter)  
**Task Book**

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Task Book Qualification Record Books (Task Book) have been developed for various certification levels within the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) system. Each Task Book lists the job performance requirements (JPRs) for the specific certification level in a format that allows a candidate to be trained and evaluated during three (3) sequential sessions. Successful performance of all tasks, as observed and recorded by a qualified and approved evaluator will result in the candidate's eligibility for DPSST certification.

To become certified at a specific level, the applicant must successfully complete the job performance requirements in sequence. Before a job performance evaluation can be taken, all requisite knowledge and skills must be satisfied. In addition, all relative task book evaluations must be checked off by the evaluator. When all prescribed requirements have been met, an application for Certification will be forwarded to DPSST. All certificates are mailed to the Training Officer at his/her Fire Service Agency.

**NOTE TO FIRE SERVICE AGENCIES:** These JPRs serve as general guidelines. As such they are not intended to replace specific sequences of apparatus or equipment operation that may be outlined by manufacturer specifications. At all times, standard operating procedures of the Fire Service Agency in which the evaluation is being conducted will govern. Fire Service Agencies should have available for evaluators a copy of manufacturer specifications and the Fire Service Agencies standard operational guidelines.

**ENTRY LEVEL FIRE FIGHTER:** The JPRs for Entry Level Fire Fighter are indicated with an “EL” preceding the number. Completion of these JPRs do not lead to certification, but are intended as a portion of the Fire Fighter I certification requirements.

Entry Level Fire Fighter is provided in this task book so individual Fire Service Agencies have a baseline level to train individuals to the baseline criteria of NFPA 1093, Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions. NFPA 1403 establishes. As a minimum standard, a base level of training necessary for individuals to participate in live fire training under supervision. Entry Level Fire Fighter is not intended to replace the very necessary JPR's required to perform basic fire fighting operations as outlined in NFPA Fire Fighter I and II. **DPPST does not certify this level of certification.**

The JPRs covered in this Task Book meet or exceed all NFPA published standards for this certification level at the time of this publication. Mention of NFPA and its standards do not, and are not intended as adoption of—or reference to—NFPA standards. For more information on the complete job performance requirements and data, see the individual DPSST Test Book for that certification level.

**\*A vertical line (|) to the left of the document indicates a change from the previous standard.**

#### **HOW TO EVALUATE PERFORMANCE:**

Each JPR has three corresponding boxes to the right in which to confirm a candidate's success in a sequence. The evaluator shall indicate successful passing by the candidate of each JPR by initialing and dating (see example). There is no time restriction or constriction between the three evaluations, as long as they are consecutive.

Draw a diagonal line through the box on the right. The evaluator should be place their initials on one half and indicate the current date on the other half.

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# TASK BOOK QUALIFICATION RECORD

FOR THE CERTIFICATION LEVEL OF

## FIREFIGHTER I

Prior to becoming certified in this position, the firefighter I candidate shall successfully complete the following Job Performance Requirements (JPR) three times. The evaluator shall initial and date the appropriate boxes to indicate successful completion of each. For each JPR there are requisite knowledge and skill requirements. The evaluator of the first sequence shall initial and date in the box provided to indicate the meeting of those requirements before the firefighter may proceed. **Asterisks (\*) indicate additional information is available in the Appendix of the Evaluation Guide.**

**5.1.1** For certification at Level I, the fire fighter candidate shall meet the general knowledge requirements in 5.1.1.1, the general skill requirements in 5.1.1.2, and the job performance requirements defined in Sections 5.2 through 5.5 of this standard and the requirements defined in Chapter 4, Competencies for the First Responder at the Awareness Level, of NFPA 472, *Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents*.

**5.1.1.1 General Knowledge Requirements.** The organization of the fire department; the role of the Fire Fighter I in the organization; the mission of fire service; the fire department's standard operating procedures and rules and regulations as they apply to the Fire Fighter I; the role of other agencies as they relate to the fire department; aspects of the fire department's member assistance program; the critical aspects of NFPA 1500, *Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program*, as they apply to the Fire Fighter I; knot types and usage; the difference between life safety and utility rope; reasons for placing rope out of service; the types of knots to use for given tools, ropes, or situations; hoisting methods for tools and equipment; and using rope to support response activities.

**5.1.1.2 General Skill Requirements.** The ability to don personal protective clothing within one minute; doff personal protective clothing and prepare for reuse; hoist tools and equipment using ropes and the correct knot; tie a bowline, clove hitch, figure eight on a bight, half hitch, becket or sheet bend, and safety knots; and locate information in departmental documents and standard or code materials.

## 5.2 Fire Department Communications.

This duty involves initiating responses, receiving telephone calls, and using fire department communications equipment to correctly relay verbal or written information, according to the following job performance requirements.

**5.2.1\*** Initiate the response to a reported emergency, given the report of an emergency, fire department standard operating procedures, and communications equipment, so that all necessary information is obtained, communications equipment is operated correctly, and the information is promptly and accurately relayed to the dispatch center.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Procedures for reporting an emergency, departmental standard operating procedures for taking and receiving alarms, radio codes or procedures, and information needs of dispatch center.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to operate fire department communications equipment, relay information, and record information

**5.2.2** Receive a business or personal telephone call, given a fire department business phone, so that procedures for answering the phone are used and the caller's information is relayed.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Fire department procedures for answering nonemergency telephone calls.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to operate fire station telephone and intercom equipment.

**5.2.3** Transmit and receive messages via the fire department radio, given a fire department radio and operating procedures, so that the information is accurate, complete, clear, and relayed within the time established by the AHJ.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Departmental radio procedures and etiquette for routine traffic, emergency traffic, and emergency evacuation signals.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to operate radio

equipment and discriminate between routine and emergency traffic.

### 5.3 Fireground Operations.

This duty involves performing activities necessary to ensure life safety, fire control, and property conservation, according to the following job performance requirements.

**EL 5.3.1\*** Use SCBA during emergency operations, given SCBA and other personal protective equipment, so that the SCBA is correctly donned and activated within one minute, the SCBA is correctly worn, controlled breathing techniques are used, emergency procedures are enacted if the SCBA fails, all low-air warnings are recognized, respiratory protection is not intentionally compromised, and hazardous areas are exited prior to air depletion.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Conditions that require respiratory protection, uses and limitations of SCBA, components of SCBA, donning procedures, breathing techniques, indications for and emergency procedures used with SCBA, and physical requirements of the SCBA wearer.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to control breathing, replace SCBA air cylinders, use SCBA to exit through restricted passages, initiate and complete emergency procedures in the event of SCBA failure or air depletion, and complete donning procedures.

**5.3.2\*** Respond on apparatus to an emergency scene, given personal protective clothing and other necessary personal protective equipment, so that the apparatus is correctly mounted and dismounted, seat belts are used while the vehicle is in motion, and other personal protective equipment is correctly used.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Mounting and dismounting procedures for riding fire apparatus; hazards and ways to avoid hazards associated with riding apparatus; prohibited practices; types of department personal protective equipment and the means for usage.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to use each piece of provided safety equipment.

**EL 5.3.3\*** Operate in established work areas at emergency scenes, given protective equipment, traffic and scene control devices, structure fire and roadway emergency scenes, traffic hazards and downed electrical wires, so that procedures are followed, protective equipment is worn, protected work areas are established as directed using traffic and scene control devices, and the fire fighter performs assigned tasks only in established, protected work areas.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Potential hazards involved in operating on emergency scenes including vehicle traffic, utilities, and environmental conditions; proper procedures for dismounting apparatus in traffic; procedures for safe operation at emergency scenes; and the protective equipment available for members' safety on emergency scenes and work zone designations.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to use PPE, the deployment of traffic and scene control devices, dismount apparatus and operate in the protected work areas as directed.

**EL 5.3.4\*** Force entry into a structure, given personal protective equipment, tools, and an assignment, so that the tools are used as designed, the barrier is removed, and the opening is in a safe condition and ready for entry.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Basic construction of typical doors, windows, and walls within the department's community or service area; operation of doors, windows, and locks; and the dangers associated with forcing entry through doors, windows, and walls.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to transport and operate hand and power tools and to force entry through doors, windows, and walls using assorted methods and tools.

**5.3.5.\*** Exit a hazardous area as a team, given vision-obscured conditions, so that a safe haven is found before exhausting the air supply, others are not endangered, and the team integrity is maintained.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Personnel accountability systems, communication procedures, emergency evacuation methods, what constitutes a safe haven, elements that create or indicate a hazard, and emergency

procedures for loss of air supply.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to operate as a team member in vision-obscured conditions, locate and follow a guideline, conserve air supply, and evaluate areas for hazards and identify a safe haven.

**EL 5.3.6\*** Set up ground ladders, given single and extension ladders, an assignment, and team members if needed, so that hazards are assessed, the ladder is stable, the angle is correct for climbing, extension ladders are extended to the necessary height with the fly locked, the top is placed against a reliable structural component, and the assignment is accomplished.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Parts of a ladder, hazards associated with setting up ladders, what constitutes a stable foundation for ladder placement, different angles for various tasks, safety limits to the degree of angulation, and what constitutes a reliable structural component for top placement.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to carry ladders, raise ladders, extend ladders and lock flies, determine that a wall and roof will support the ladder, judge extension ladder height requirements, and place the ladder to avoid obvious hazards.

**5.3.7\*** Attack a passenger vehicle fire operating as a member of a team, given personal protective equipment, attack line, and hand tools, so that hazards are avoided, leaking flammable liquids are identified and controlled, protection from flash fires is maintained, all vehicle compartments are overhauled, and the fire is extinguished.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Principles of fire streams as they relate to fighting automobile fires; precautions to be followed when advancing hose lines toward an automobile; observable results that a fire stream has been properly applied; identifying alternative fuels and the hazards associated with them; dangerous conditions created during an automobile fire; common types of accidents or injuries related to fighting automobile fires and how to avoid them; how to access locked passenger, trunk, and engine compartments; and methods for overhauling an automobile.



**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to identify automobile fuel type; assess and control fuel leaks; open, close, and adjust the flow and pattern on nozzles; apply water for maximum effectiveness while maintaining flash fire protection; advance 1½-in. (38-mm) or larger diameter attack lines; and expose hidden fires by opening all automobile compartments.

**EL 5.3.8\*** Extinguish fires in exterior Class A materials, given fires in stacked or piled and small unattached structures or storage containers that can be fought from the exterior, attack lines, hand tools and master stream devices, and an assignment, so that exposures are protected, the spread of fire is stopped, collapse hazards are avoided, water application is effective, the fire is extinguished, and signs of the origin area(s) and arson are preserved.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Types of attack lines and water streams appropriate for attacking stacked, piled materials and outdoor fires; dangers — such as collapse — associated with stacked and piled materials; various extinguishing agents and their effect on different material configurations; tools and methods to use in breaking up various types of materials; the difficulties related to complete extinguishment of stacked and piled materials; water application methods for exposure protection and fire extinguishment; dangers such as exposure to toxic or hazardous materials associated with storage building and container fires; obvious signs of origin and cause; and techniques for the preservation of fire cause evidence.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to recognize inherent hazards related to the material's configuration, operate handlines or master streams, break up material using hand tools and water streams, evaluate for complete extinguishment, operate hose lines and other water application devices, evaluate and modify water application for maximum penetration, search for and expose hidden fires, assess patterns for origin determination, and evaluate for complete extinguishment.

**5.3.9** Conduct a search and rescue in a structure operating as a member of a team, given an assignment, obscured vision conditions, personal protective equipment, a flashlight, forcible entry tools, hose lines, and ladders

when necessary, so that ladders are correctly placed when used, all assigned areas are searched, all victims are located and removed, team integrity is maintained, and team members' safety — including respiratory protection — is not compromised.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Use of forcible entry tools during rescue operations, ladder operations for rescue, psychological effects of operating in obscured conditions and ways to manage them, methods to determine if an area is tenable, primary and secondary search techniques, team members' roles and goals, methods to use and indicators of finding victims, victim removal methods (including various carries), and considerations related to respiratory protection.



**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to use SCBA to exit through restricted passages, set up and use different types of ladders for various types of rescue operations, rescue a fire fighter with functioning respiratory protection, rescue a fire fighter whose respiratory protection is not functioning, rescue a person who has no respiratory protection, and assess areas to determine tenability.



**5.3.10\*** Attack an interior structure fire operating as a member of a team, given an attack line, ladders when needed, personal protective equipment, tools, and an assignment, so that team integrity is maintained, the attack line is deployed for advancement, ladders are correctly placed when used, access is gained into the fire area, effective water application practices are used, the fire is approached correctly, attack techniques facilitate suppression given the level of the fire, hidden fires are located and controlled, the correct body posture is maintained, hazards are recognized and managed, and the fire is brought under control.



**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Principles of fire streams; types, design, operation, nozzle pressure effects, and flow capabilities of nozzles; precautions to be followed when advancing hose lines to a fire; observable results that a fire stream has been properly applied; dangerous building conditions created by fire; principles of exposure protection; potential long-term consequences of exposure to products of combustion; physical states of matter in which fuels are found; common types of accidents or injuries and their causes; and the application of each size and type of attack line, the role of the backup team in fire



attack situations, attack and control techniques for grade level and above and below grade levels, and exposing hidden fires.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to prevent water hammers when shutting down nozzles; open, close, and adjust nozzle flow and patterns; apply water using direct, indirect, and combination attacks; advance charged and uncharged 1½-in. (38-mm) diameter or larger hose lines up ladders and up and down interior and exterior stairways; extend hose lines; replace burst hose sections; operate charged hose lines of 1½-in. (38-mm) diameter or larger while secured to a ground ladder; couple and uncouple various handline connections; carry hose; attack fires at grade level and above and below grade levels; and locate and suppress interior wall and subfloor fires.

**5.3.11** Perform horizontal ventilation on a structure operating as part of a team, given an assignment, personal protective equipment, ventilation tools, equipment, and ladders, so that the ventilation openings are free of obstructions, tools are used as designed, ladders are correctly placed, ventilation devices are correctly placed, and the structure is cleared of smoke.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** The principles, advantages, limitations, and effects of horizontal, mechanical, and hydraulic ventilation; safety considerations when venting a structure; fire behavior in a structure; the products of combustion found in a structure fire; the signs, causes, effects, and prevention of backdrafts; and the relationship of oxygen concentration to life safety and fire growth.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to transport and operate ventilation tools and equipment and ladders and to use safe procedures for breaking window and door glass and removing obstructions.

**5.3.12** Perform vertical ventilation on a structure as part of a team, given an assignment, personal protective equipment, ground and roof ladders, and tools, so that ladders are positioned for ventilation, a specified opening is created, all ventilation barriers are removed, structural integrity is not compromised, products of combustion are released from the structure, and the team retreats from the area when ventilation is accomplished.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** The methods of heat transfer; the principles of thermal layering within a structure on fire; the techniques and safety precautions for venting flat roofs, pitched roofs, and basements; basic indicators of potential collapse or roof failure; the effects of construction type and elapsed time under fire conditions on structural integrity; and the advantages and disadvantages of vertical and trench/strip ventilation.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to transport and operate ventilation tools and equipment; hoist ventilation tools to a roof; cut roofing and flooring materials to vent flat roofs, pitched roofs, and basements; sound a roof for integrity; clear an opening with hand tools; select, carry, deploy, and secure ground ladders for ventilation activities; deploy roof ladders on pitched roofs while secured to a ground ladder; and carry ventilation-related tools and equipment while ascending and descending ladders.

**EL 5.3.13** Overhaul a fire scene, given personal protective equipment, attack line, hand tools, a flashlight, and an assignment, so that structural integrity is not compromised, all hidden fires are discovered, fire cause evidence is preserved, and the fire is extinguished.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Types of fire attack lines and water application devices most effective for overhaul, water application methods for extinguishment that limit water damage, types of tools and methods used to expose hidden fire, dangers associated with overhaul, obvious signs of area of origin or signs of arson, and reasons for protection of fire scene.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to deploy and operate an attack line; remove flooring, ceiling, and wall components to expose void spaces without compromising structural integrity; apply water for maximum effectiveness; expose and extinguish hidden fires in walls, ceilings, and subfloor spaces; recognize and preserve obvious signs of area of origin and arson; and evaluate for complete extinguishment.

**5.3.14** Conserve property as a member of a team, given salvage tools and equipment and an assignment, so that the building and its contents are protected from further damage.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** The purpose of property conservation and its value to the public, methods used to protect property, types of and uses for salvage covers, operations at properties protected with automatic sprinklers, how to stop the flow of water from an automatic sprinkler head, identification of the main control valve on an automatic sprinkler system, and forcible entry issues related to salvage.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to cluster furniture; deploy covering materials; roll and fold salvage covers for reuse; construct water chutes and catch-alls; remove water; cover building openings, including doors, windows, floor openings, and roof openings; separate, remove, and relocate charred material to a safe location while protecting the area of origin for cause determination; stop the flow of water from a sprinkler with sprinkler wedges or stoppers; and operate a main control valve on an automatic sprinkler system.

**EL 5.3.15 \*** Connect a fire department pumper to a water supply as a member of a team, given supply or intake hose, hose tools, and a fire hydrant or static water source, so that connections are tight and water flow is unobstructed.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Loading and off-loading procedures for mobile water supply apparatus; fire hydrant operation; and suitable static water supply sources, procedures, and protocol for connecting to various water sources.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to hand lay a supply hose, connect and place hard suction hose for drafting operations, deploy portable water tanks as well as the equipment necessary to transfer water between and draft from them, make hydrant-to-pumper hose connections for forward and reverse lays, connect supply hose to a hydrant, and fully open and close the hydrant.

**EL 5.3.16\*** Extinguish incipient Class A, Class B, and Class C fires, given a selection of portable fire extinguishers, so that the correct extinguisher is chosen, the fire is completely extinguished, and correct extinguisher-handling techniques are followed.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** The classifications of fire; the types of, rating systems for, and risks associated with each class of fire; and the operating methods of, and limitations of portable extinguishers.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to operate portable fire extinguishers, approach fire with portable fire extinguishers, select an appropriate extinguisher based on the size and type of fire, and safely carry portable fire extinguishers.

**5.3.17** Illuminate the emergency scene, given fire service electrical equipment and an assignment, so that designated areas are illuminated and all equipment is operated within the manufacturer's listed safety precautions.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Safety principles and practices, power supply capacity and limitations, and light deployment methods.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to operate department power supply and lighting equipment, deploy cords and connectors, reset ground-fault interrupter (GFI) devices, and locate lights for best effect.

**5.3.18** Turn off building utilities, given tools and an assignment, so that the assignment is safely completed.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Properties, principles, and safety concerns for electricity, gas, and water systems; utility disconnect methods and associated dangers; and use of required safety equipment.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to identify utility control devices, operate control valves or switches, and assess for related hazards.

**5.3.19\*** Combat a ground cover fire operating as a member of a team, given protective clothing, SCBA if needed, hose lines, extinguishers or hand tools, and an assignment, so that threats to property are reported, threats to personal safety are recognized, retreat is quickly accomplished when warranted, and the assignment is completed.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Types of ground cover fires, parts of ground cover fires, methods to contain or suppress, and safety principles and practices.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to determine exposure threats based on fire spread potential, protect exposures, construct a fire line or extinguish with hand tools, maintain integrity of established fire lines, and suppress ground cover fires using water.

#### **5.4 Rescue Operations.**

This duty involves no requirements for Fire Fighter I.

#### **5.5 Prevention, Preparedness, and Maintenance.**

This duty involves performing activities that reduce the loss of life and property due to fire through hazard identification, inspection, education, and response readiness, according to the following job performance requirements.

**5.5.1** Perform a fire safety survey in a private dwelling, given survey forms and procedures, so that fire and life-safety hazards are identified, recommendations for their correction are made to the occupant, and unresolved issues are referred to the proper authority.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Organizational policy and procedures, common causes of fire and their prevention, the importance of a fire safety survey and public fire education programs to fire department public relations and the community, and referral procedures.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to complete forms, recognize hazards, match findings to preapproved recommendations, and effectively communicate findings to occupants or referrals.

**5.5.2\*** Present fire safety information to station visitors or small groups, given prepared materials, so that all information is presented, the information is accurate, and questions are answered or referred.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Parts of informational materials and how to use them, basic presentation skills, and departmental standard operating procedures for giving fire station tours.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to document presentations and to use prepared materials.

**5.5.3** Clean and check ladders, ventilation equipment, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), ropes, salvage equipment, and hand tools, given cleaning tools, cleaning supplies, and an assignment, so that equipment is clean and maintained according to manufacturer's or departmental guidelines, maintenance is recorded, and equipment is placed in a ready state or reported otherwise.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Types of cleaning methods for various tools and equipment, correct use of cleaning solvents, and manufacturer's or departmental guidelines for cleaning equipment and tools.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to select correct tools for various parts and pieces of equipment, follow guidelines, and complete recording and reporting procedures.

**5.5.4** Clean, inspect, and return fire hose to service, given washing equipment, water, detergent, tools, and replacement gaskets, so that damage is noted and corrected, the hose is clean, and the equipment is placed in a ready state for service.

**(A) Requisite Knowledge:** Departmental procedures for noting a defective hose and removing it from service, cleaning methods, and hose rolls and loads.

**(B) Requisite Skills:** The ability to clean different types of hose; operate hose washing and drying equipment; mark



defective hose; and replace coupling gaskets, roll hose, and reload hose.