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CHARTER VIOLATIONS



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ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- ❑ 4765-11-12 & 4765-11-13 – Students enrolled in a Firefighter Course shall meet the objectives in the NFPA 1001. Medical requirements of NFPA 1582, Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments. NFPA 1582 Chapter 6, section 6.1 Medical Evaluation states, “A medical evaluation of a candidate shall be conducted prior to the candidate being placed in training programs or fire department emergency response activities.” Chapter 6 goes on to explain medical conditions that can affect a candidate’s ability to safely perform essential job tasks shall be designated either Category A or Category B and what those categories mean.
- ❑ Programs are not demonstrating compliance with the NFPA 1001 requirements.





EVALUATIONS

4765-11-03(B)(3)(d) Performs ongoing review and maintains written evaluations of the courses including content of each course;

(e) Performs ongoing review and maintains written evaluations of the instructors' and students' performance for each course;

- ❑ Evaluations are two-fold:
 - ❖ Student evaluations
 - ❖ Program evaluations

- ❑ Issue: Programs typically are good at conducting student evaluations on the program and instructors; however, they lack maintaining written documentation.

- ❑ Programs typically are not documenting the “ongoing review” of instructor’s and even when doing so, they fail to maintain written documentation.





ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4765-11-03(B)(5) Establish an advisory committee that shall meet at least one time each year based on the charter cycle and includes a minimum of five individuals consisting of the program director, fire chiefs, instructors, and others from the fire community;

(C)(6)(i) (i) The minutes of advisory committee meetings including an agenda, discussion of issues, and attendance record for each meeting that is conducted in accordance with this rule;

- ❑ Programs lack documentation on meeting dates, agenda, etc.





AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS

- ❑ Common issues found are those agreements that have effective and end dates are often not updated.
- ❑ Consider revising to "evergreen:"
 - By definition – "Evergreen contract is a contract that is renewed automatically or by notice from year to year until canceled by the either party. The renewal can be after completion of the act or maturity. The renewal continues till cancellation."





PRACTICAL SKILL EVALUATORS



A skills coordinator and skills evaluator must hold an Ohio certification to teach as a Fire Instructor or Assistant Fire Instructor. Skills evaluators can staff a practical skills station up to their firefighter certification level. (A skills evaluator holding a Firefighter I certification cannot staff a skills station for Firefighter II candidates.) Skills coordinators and skills evaluators must complete the DEMS approved practical skills evaluator training prior to skills testing. Fire Charter training program instructors completing the practical skills evaluator training can then train other eligible Fire Charter training program staff. **Program directors are responsible for ensuring practical skills evaluators are annually refreshed on evaluator skills testing.**



DOCUMENTATION OF EQUIPMENT AND TURNOUT GEAR

NFPA 1001 Requirements:

- ❑ 4765-11-03(B)(12) - Require each student enrolled in a firefighter training course to have course materials that meet NFPA 1001;
 - PPE shall meet NFPA 1851 (Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles Firefighting)
 - Programs are required to demonstrate the compliance of the NFPA Standard
 - Compliance must be documented when the students are in a Live Fire exercise or other IDLH environments.
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- ❑ There is no question that programs conduct these reviews; however, documentation is lacking to provide evidence of such inspections.







NFPA 1403



Chapter 6 Gas-Fired Live Fire Training Structures

6.2 Inspection and Testing

6.2.1* Live fire training structures shall be inspected visually for damage prior to live fire training evolutions.

6.2.1.1* Damage shall be documented and the building owner or AHJ shall be notified.

6.2.2 Where the live fire training structure damage is severe enough to affect the safety of the participants, training shall not be permitted.



NFPA 1403 CONTINUED



Chapter 6 Gas-Fired Live Fire Training Structures

6.2.3 All doors, windows and window shutters, railings, roof scuttles and automatic ventilators, mechanical equipment, lighting, manual or automatic sprinklers, and standpipes necessary for the live fire training evolution shall be checked and operated prior to any live fire training evolution to ensure they operate correctly.

6.2.6* The structural integrity of the live fire training structure shall be evaluated and documented annually by the building owner or AHJ.



NFPA 1403 CONTINUED



Chapter 6 Gas-Fired Live Fire Training Structures

6.2.7* The structural integrity of the live fire training structure shall be evaluated and documented by a licensed professional engineer with live fire training structure experience and expertise, or by another competent professional as determined by the AHJ, at least once every 10 years, or more frequently if determined to be required by the evaluator

6.2.8* All structures constructed with calcium aluminate refractory structural concrete shall be inspected by a structural engineer with expertise in live fire training structures every 3 years.



NFPA 1403 CONTINUED



Chapter 6 Gas-Fired Live Fire Training Structures

6.2.9* Part of the live fire training structure evaluation shall include, at least once every 10 years, the removal and reinstallation of a representative area of thermal linings (if any) to inspect the hidden conditions behind the linings.

Chapter 7 Non-Gas-Fired Live Fire Training Structures

7.2 Inspection and Testing.

7.2.1* Live fire training structures shall be inspected visually for damage prior to live fire training evolutions.

7.2.5* The structural integrity of the live fire training structure shall be evaluated and documented annually by the building owner or AHJ.



NFPA 1403 CONTINUED



Chapter 7 Non-Gas-Fired Live Fire Training Structures

7.2.5.1 If visible structural defects are found, such as cracks, rust, spalls, or warps in structural floors, columns, beams, walls, or metal panels, the building owner shall have a follow-up evaluation conducted by a licensed professional engineer with live fire training structure experience and expertise or by another competent professional as determined by the AHJ.

7.2.6* The structural integrity of the live fire training structure shall be evaluated and documented by a licensed professional engineer with live fire training structure experience and expertise or by another competent professional as determined by the AHJ at least once every 5 years or more frequently if determined to be required by the evaluator.



NFPA 1403 CONTINUED



Chapter 7 Non-Gas-Fired Live Fire Training Structures

7.2.7* All structures constructed with calcium aluminate refractory structural concrete shall be inspected by a structural engineer with expertise in live fire training structures every 3 years.

7.2.8* Part of the live fire training structure evaluation shall include, once every five years, the removal and reinstallation of a representative area of thermal linings (if any) to allow inspections of the conditions hidden behind the linings.



FIRE INSTRUCTOR DOCUMENTATION

- ❑ Instructor files should include:
 - Valid certificate to practice documentation
 - Live Fire Instructor completion certificate (if applicable)
 - Evaluation documentation
 - Practical Skills Evaluator Course / Refresher documentation

- ❑ Programs lack documentation of evaluations, Practical Skills Evaluator course completion and Practical Skills annual refresher.





LIVE FIRE INSTRUCTOR DOCUMENTATION

Effective April 7, 2014

An applicant for a fire instructor or assistant fire instructor certificate, who wishes to provide instruction in any live fire training courses, shall successfully complete the "Live Fire Training Operations Course" through a chartered program. (OAC 4765-21-03)

A charter program must provide documentation that training has been completed on the instructors participating in the Live Fire.





STUDENT RECORDS

4765-11-03 (B)(20)(b) Methodology used to document missed hours and record makeup procedures for completing all course hours;

- ❑ Programs must ensure they have a policy regarding missed hours for students.
 - Students attendance must demonstrate how hours were made up;
 - Recommendation to have a “student make-up form”

- ❑ Programs often fail to demonstrate how hours are made up. Additionally, if student does miss a particular day DO NOT write in that date on their Objective Check-Off packets.





Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory.

~George S. Patton



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QUESTIONS



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