

Policies and Procedures for Live Fire Training and Testing

Effective: January 1, 2009

Live Fire Training:

- All live fire training will be done in compliance with NFPA 1403.
- All EST sanctioned Live Fire Training will be conducted by lead instructors who have been trained to conduct live fire training in compliance with NFPA 1403.
- EST sanctioned Live Fire Training includes the training conducted in:
 - both Class A- and Class B-fueled live fire training props
 - fixed facilities and mobile props,
 - The Flashover Survival trailer
- Although EST does not condone or support live fire training in acquired structures, the acquired structures segment will be included in any 1403 compliant Live Fire Training Train-the-Trainer course accepted by EST for instructor qualification.

Live Fire Testing – Firefighter I

- Live fire testing will be done in compliance with NFPA 1403.
- Completion of Skill #24, “Ground Level Interior Structural Attack” will be mandatory in all Firefighter I skill testing completed after January 1, 2009.
- Candidates testing for Firefighter I certification will have one (1) year from first written exam attempt to successfully complete the live fire testing skill assessment.
- Candidates testing for Firefighter I certification will have three (3) opportunities to pass the skill test.
- All EST sanctioned Live Fire Testing will be conducted by lead evaluators who have been trained in NFPA 1403 live fire testing.
- EST will not sanction live-fire testing in acquired structures.
- The balance of the Fire Attack Skill Sheets will remain available for random selection of skill sheets used for manipulative skills testing. Simulated fire conditions will be used to evaluate these competencies.