

Beaumont Fire-Rescue Services

PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS

402.05A

Conduct a Primary and Secondary Search

Discipline: Rescue
Effective: 1/1/2001
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Replaces: Firefighter Benchmark #46

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I. Objective

The firefighter and a designated team member shall enter a hostile environment and conduct a primary and secondary search for victim(s).

II. Instructions – Procedures for Achieving the Objective

You and a designated team member shall enter a hostile environment and conduct a primary and secondary search for victim(s), both with and without a rope or hoseline. You will be required to both verbalize key steps and complete mandatory steps while performing this skill. You will begin on my instruction to start. The skill will end when you state to me that you have completed all of the identified steps. Do you understand these instructions?

III. Examiner's Note

The hostile atmosphere may be simulated with smoke or the mask may be blackened out. The firefighter will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

IV. Preparation & Equipment

- A. 50 ft. section of 1-3/4 " fire hose
- B. 50 ft. rope
- C. Various forcible entry hand tools
- D. Various objects to resemble furniture (or actual furniture)

Note: The firefighter shall accomplish the skills wearing "FULL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTER" as required by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to include helmet, gloves, coat, trousers, boots, and SCBA .

V. Reference Sources

- A. TCFP, Performance Standards, Section 111-1.00
- B. NFPA, 1001 3.4(b), 3-3.8
- C. IFSTA, Essentials of Fire Fighting, 4th Edition, pages 176-178

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| Name: | Officer #: |
| Evaluator: | Officer #: |
| Date: | Location: |

If the firefighter:

(No partial points given)

With a rope or hose line:

- a) **Feels the door and verbalizes that the door must be checked for heat before entering** P/F _____
- b) Remains on hands or knees 1.0 _____
- c) Starts search on outside wall and performs consistent turns
(always to right or left) 1.0 _____
- d) Completely searches one room before moving on to the next room 1.0 _____
- e) Moves and/or searches behind, on, under all furniture 1.0 _____
- f) Searches all closets and small crawl spaces 1.0 _____
- g) After completing room search, marks door or leaves a sign that
room has been searched 1.0 _____
- h) Communicates well with partner 1.0 _____
- i) Verbalizes that he or she should stop periodically to listen for sounds 1.0 _____

Without a rope or hose line:

- a) **Feels the door and verbalizes that the door must be checked for heat before entering** P/F _____
- b) Remains on hands or knees 1.0 _____
- c) Starts search on outside wall and performs consistent turns
(always to right or left) 1.0 _____
- d) Completely searches one room before moving on to the next room 1.0 _____
- e) Moves and/or searches behind, on, under all furniture 1.0 _____
- f) Searches all closets and small crawl spaces 1.0 _____
- g) After completing room search, marks door or leaves a sign that
room has been searched 1.0 _____
- h) Communicates well with partner 1.0 _____
- i) Verbalizes that he or she should stop periodically to listen for sounds 1.0 _____

| Points Possible | Passing Score | Attempt | Performance Rating (Points) | PASS | FAIL |
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| 16 | 12 | First | | | |
| | | Second | | | |
| | | Third | | | |

- **Bold letters denote mandatory passage of this step**