

Beaumont Fire-Rescue Services

**PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS**

402.08A  
Exposure of Hidden Fires

Discipline: Overhaul  
Effective: 1/1/2001  
Revised: 7/5/2010  
Replaces: Firefighter Benchmark #57

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**I. Objective**

The firefighter will demonstrate how the pike pole is used to open different types of ceilings. The firefighter will demonstrate the use of a fire axe and a prying tool

**II. Instructions – Procedures for Achieving the Objective**

Given the proper equipment, you will demonstrate:

- A. How a pike pole is used to open different types of ceilings
- B. How to remove a baseboard, locate wall studs and/or joists by sounding, and evaluate the interior wall conditions using a fire axe and a prying tool
- C. How to remove window casings using a fire axe and a prying tool.

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 firefighter will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

**IV. Preparation & Equipment**

- A. Pike pole
- B. Fire axe
- C. Prying tool

*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. Firefighter will not don face piece or hood.*

**V. Reference Sources**

- A. TCFP, Performance Standards, Section 108-5.02
- B. NFPA, 1001 3-3.12(a)
- C. IFSTA, Essentials of Fire Fighting, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, pages 598-599

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

**If the firefighter:**

**(No partial points given)**

- a) *Verbally states the importance of having a charged hose line available during the overhaul process*..... 1.0 \_\_\_\_\_

Ceilings:

- a) Lowers face shield to cover eyes..... 1.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Stands between work area and exit..... 1.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Pushes pike pole through ceiling with hook pointed away ..... 1.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Pulls the pole down and away..... 1.0 \_\_\_\_\_

Floors/Walls:

- a) Is able to remove baseboard with provided tools..... 1.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Uses sight, sound, and touch to locate fire ..... 1.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Is able to locate studs or joists by sounding ..... 1.0 \_\_\_\_\_

Separating burned material:

- a) Is able to remove window casing and charred material with minimal damage..... 1.0 \_\_\_\_\_

Points Possible	Passing Score	Attempt	Performance Rating (Points)	PASS	FAIL
9	7	First			
		Second			
		Third			