

PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS

404.03I - Stabilizing Aerial Apparatus for Aerial Device Operations

Discipline: Driver/Operator

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I. Objective

Given an aerial apparatus, the driver/operator will demonstrate the correct procedures for stabilizing an aerial apparatus for aerial device operations.

II. Instructions – Procedures for Achieving the Objective

Given an aerial apparatus, you will position the apparatus according to the examiner's instructions. You will engage the PTO to activate the aerial device hydraulic system. You will ensure the aerial device is clear of any over-head obstructions. You will stabilize the aerial apparatus using the correct procedures and following all safety requirements. The skill will end when you state to the examiner that all of the required steps have been completed and the aerial device is ready for operations. Do you understand these instructions?

III. Examiner's Note

This exercise measures the driver/operators ability to correctly stabilize the aerial apparatus in preparation for aerial device operations. The driver/operator will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing. The examiner will ensure that all safety procedures are followed and will stop the test if any action by the driver/operator is deemed to be unsafe.

IV. Preparation & Equipment

- A. Aerial apparatus

V. Reference Sources

- A. IFSTA, Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook, 2nd edition
- B. NFPA 1002, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, and 6.2.4

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Discipline: D/O

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

The Driver/Operator: *(No partial points given)*

- A. Engages aerial PTO..... **P/F** _____
- B. Verbally states PTO indicator light is on before leaving cab..... 1.0 _____
- C. Correctly chocks the appropriate wheels..... **P/F** _____
- D. Verbally states the stabilizer area is clear and suitable for stabilizer deployment..... 1.0 _____
- E. Correctly places stabilizer pads in the approximate position with handles in toward apparatus..... 2.0 _____
- F. Engages stabilizer system by moving the selector switch to stabilizer position on control panel..... **P/F** _____
- G. Extends stabilizer jacks on side A..... **P/F** _____
- H. Centers stabilizer pads under jacks on side A..... 1.0 _____
- I. Lowers jacks on side A until tire bulge is removed..... 1.0 _____
- J. Extends stabilizer jacks on side B..... **P/F** _____
- K. Centers stabilizer pads on side B..... 1.0 _____
- L. Lowers Jacks on side B until tire bulge is removed..... 1.0 _____
- M. Lower all jacks to required extension..... **P/F** _____
- N. Inserts safety pins in stabilizers..... **P/F** _____
- O. Deploys grounding rod safety device according to department policy.... **P/F** _____
- P. Verbally explains “short jacking” procedure and its limits..... 1.0 _____

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