

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES



OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

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# NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control Firefighter-1 Learning Agreement

The NYS Firefighter-1 program is designed to prepare entry level firefighters to respond to emergencies. This course is designed to accomplish the objectives of NFPA 1001 and NFPA 472 and trains the entry level firefighter as an interior structural firefighter as defined by OSHA regulations 1910.156 Fire Brigade Standard, 1910.120 Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials, 1910.146 Confined Space Entry Standard (awareness level) and the 1910.147 Control of Hazardous Energy Standard.

Successful completion of this course requires that the student complete all portions of the course, pass the written testing (Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations exam, mid-term and a final exam) with at least a 70% passing grade, correctly demonstrate all associated Firefighter-1 skills as well as attend all hands-on and testing sessions.

**Student Attendance:** All sessions must be attended. It is critical that the student attend the course sessions on time as scheduled due to the time frame required to accomplish all skill requirements. The Lead Instructor must be notified in the event of non-attendance or lateness,

**Student Obligations:** Students are provided with a copy of the Firefighther-1 Course Schedule. Students shall arrive on time have completed the required online work, reading and skills practice for each lesson. All students shall bring with them to class: personal protective equipment including SCBA, designated tools, a writing instrument, and note paper unless otherwise indicated by the instructor. The student is required to obtain and bring to each class a copy of the required textbook, *IFSTA/ Brady Essentials* of *Firefighting and Fire Department Operations*, 6th Edition. The student is required to complete all homework timely, accurately and completely.

Additionally, the student's fire company or department will be required to support the student through providing apparatus and operators, and EMS and FAST/RIT support at designated lessons.

The student must also complete the FEMA ICS-100 self-study and NIMS IS-700 online courses and provide proof of completion to the instructor prior to completion of the course. The ICS-100.b and NIMS IS-700.a courses that are located on the internet at: <u>http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is100b.asp</u> and <u>http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is700a.asp</u>.

The student must also provide proof of completing a basic first aid course. A current Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course completion card must also be presented. The American Red Cross, The American Heart Association, and the National Safety Council provide such courses. These courses must be completed in order to receive the Firefighter-1 course completion certificate.

**Written Exams:** All students will be given three written exams. The Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations test will be given during Unit 8 of the course. The midterm exam will be conducted in Unit 13 and the final exam will be conducted during Unit 29. All of these exams must be completed with a grade of 70% or better. All students must pass these three exams to receive credit for the course. If a student fails any of the written exams, they will be allowed to make it up at the convenience of the instructor. If the instructor cannot provide a make-up exam, the student will have to retake the exam in another class.

**Physical Fitness:** All students must be fit enough to safely demonstrate the required skills. Students must have been determined to be fit for interior structural firefighting and have medical clearance to use Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.134 which includes passing an SCBA mask fit test for their assigned face piece (OFPC Training Authorization Letter). Students will be training in an IDLH atmosphere during the course.



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**Practical Skills Evaluations:** Every student shall successfully demonstrate all skills. If a student cannot successfully demonstrate a skill, the instructor may elect to provide a make up for that particular skill.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_, understand that I am responsible for the following and that I agree to do my best to meet and exceed these performance expectations:

## Bring these items to EVERY lesson-

- Complete Firefighter's personal protective clothing
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) with 1 spare cylinder
- At least 32 oz. of water in sport bottle or similar
- Pen or pencil and notebook or other materials for note-taking
- 1-8 ft piece of rope (not firefighter self-escape rope) 1/2" in diameter
- IFSTA/ Brady Essentials of Firefighting and Fire Department Operations, 6<sup>th</sup> edition

## **Performance Expectations:**

- Makes reasonable, safe decisions when attempting to accomplish a task or solve a problem
- Is courteous and respectful
- Handles interpersonal conflicts effectively
- Uses appropriate tone of voice
- Articulates in a clear, logical and understandable manner
- Displays confidence
- Is persuasive and makes a positive impression
- Effectively works with others in order to accomplish tasks or solve problems
- Consistently demonstrates safe practices for self and others
- Approaches problems in a safe, logical, and well thought-out fashion
- Seeks pro-active solutions to problems
- Accomplishes tasks or goals without being ordered, coerced or motivated by others
- Actively seeks academic and technical knowledge for self-improvement
- Adapts behavior in order to deal with changing situations in a safe manner
- Adapts behavior in order to accomplish individual and or/organizational goals
- Is sincere and honest when dealing with others
- Keeps commitments
- Respects personal property of others/their departments
- Obeys all policies of the Office of Fire Prevention & Control and the hosting agency

I have read and understand all the above policies. I also understand that I will be removed from class and not be able to continue in the course if I do not abide by these performance expectations.

Student Signature	Date
Instructor Signature	Date
Chief Officer Signature	Date