

INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

STATE OF ALASKA
Department of Public Safety
Division of Fire and Life Safety

SAFETY

The Training and Education Bureau will ensure that safety is the number one consideration in the delivery of all training provided or endorsed by the Bureau.

The Training and Education Bureau will follow National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1403, Standard on Live Fire Evolutions as recommended by the Alaska Fire Standards Council for all live fire training. The Alaska State Fire Marshal has determined that NFPA 1403 does not address the need to conduct exterior training fires for Rural Communities that are using portable pumps and extinguishers or small exterior training fires (e.g. Fire extinguisher training).

Exterior Defensive Firefighting Training Evolutions

- a. Exterior Live Fire Training evolutions shall meet the following criterion:
 - (i) The response firefighter (student) will receive training in accordance with a recognized state or national standard or has received training in fire behavior, the specific extinguishing agent being used for the training and the safety policies and procedures for the burn evolutions.
 - (ii) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and thermal protective clothing are not required; able to fight the fire in normal work clothing away from smoke, heat and fire gases.
 - (iii) Personal evasive action is not required; not required to crawl or take other evasive action to avoid smoke, heat and fire gasses.
 - (iv) Training fires will not exceed by size or scope the ability to be extinguished effectively with portable and semi-portable extinguishers or handlines under the Instructor's supervision and,
 - (v) Controlled and extinguished by a backup safety method of extinguishing the training fire that exceeds the size and scope of the fire fuel package.
 - (vi) Vehicles used as a prop for live fire training shall have all fluid reservoirs, tanks, shock absorbers, drive shafts and other filled closed containers removed, vented or drained prior to any ignition
 - (vii) No prop shall require entry into the structure or enclosed space by students and/or Instructors.
 - (viii) Any prop requiring entry for ignition will require the use of full personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including SCBA by qualified personnel and should meet the requirements of NFPA 1403 and other applicable standards.