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Exception: For outside fires, those persons who do not engage in or are not exposed to the hazards of structural fire fighting shall be permitted to use helmets that meet federal OSHA requirements.

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- (1) In an atmosphere that is oxygen deficient or contaminated by products of combustion, or both

- (2) In an atmosphere that is suspected of being oxygen deficient or contaminated by products of combustion, or both
- (3) In any atmosphere that can become oxygen deficient or contaminated, or both
- (4) Below ground level

7.5 Instructors.

7.5.1 All instructors shall be qualified to deliver fire fighter training according to the authority having jurisdiction.

7.5.2* The participating student-to-instructor ratio shall not be greater than 5 to 1.

7.5.3 Additional instructors shall be designated when factors such as extreme temperatures or large groups are present, and classes of long duration are planned.

7.5.4 The instructor-in-charge shall be responsible for full compliance with this standard.

7.5.5 Prior to the ignition of any fire, instructors shall ensure that all protective clothing and equipment specified in this chapter are being worn according to manufacturer's instructions.

7.5.6 Instructors shall take a head count when entering and exiting the area during an actual attack evolution conducted in accordance with this standard.

7.5.7 Instructors shall monitor and supervise all assigned students closely during the live fire training evolution.

7.5.8 The instructor-in-charge shall consider the circumstances of each training session and make suitable provisions for the rest and rehabilitation of members operating at the scene, including medical evaluation and treatment, food and fluid replenishment, and relief from climate conditions, in accordance with the circumstances of the training session. (See Annex D.)

7.5.9 Instructors responsible for conducting live fire training evolutions with a gas-fueled training system shall be trained in the complete operation of the system.

7.5.10 The training of instructors shall be performed by an individual authorized by the gas-fueled training system manufacturer.

Chapter 8 Exterior Class B Fires

8.1 Student Prerequisites.

8.1.1* Prior to being permitted to participate in live fire training evolutions, the student shall have received training to meet the job performance requirements for Fire Fighter I in NFPA 1001, *Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, related to the following subjects:

- (1) Safety
- (2) Fire behavior
- (3) Portable extinguishers
- (4) Personal protective equipment
- (5) Ladders
- (6) Fire hose, appliances, and streams

- (7) Overhaul
- (8) Water supply
- (9) Ventilation
- (10) Forcible entry

8.1.2* Students participating in a live fire training evolution who have received the required minimum basic training from other than the authority having jurisdiction shall not be permitted to participate in any live fire training evolution without presenting prior written evidence of having successfully completed the prescribed minimum training to the levels specified in 8.1.1.

8.2 Facilities.

8.2.1* Strict safety practices shall be applied to all props and areas selected for live fire training evolutions.

8.2.2 For outside training, care shall be taken to select areas that limit the hazards to both personal safety and the environment.

8.2.3 The training site shall be flat and open without obstructions that can interfere with fire-fighting operations.

8.2.4 Where using live training fires outside, the ground cover shall be such that it does not contribute to the fire.

8.2.5 The ground cover shall be impervious and of such topography that the runoff from live fire does not enter municipal, private, or public waters or other sensitive areas.

8.2.6 The burn area shall be inspected visually for damage prior to live fire training evolutions.

8.2.7 Damage in the burn area shall be documented.

8.2.8 All safety devices, such as thermometers, oxygen and toxic and combustible gas monitors, evacuation alarms, and emergency shutdown switches, shall be checked prior to any live fire training evolutions to ensure they operate correctly.

8.2.9 Props shall be left in a safe condition upon completion of live fire training evolutions.

8.2.10 Debris hindering the access of fire fighters shall be removed prior to the beginning of the next training exercise.

8.2.11 All required permits to conduct live fire training evolutions shall be obtained.

8.2.12 The permits specified in this chapter shall be provided to outside, contract, or other separate training agencies by the authority having jurisdiction upon the request of those agencies.

8.2.13 Adjacent buildings or property that might become ignited shall be protected properly or removed.

8.2.14 Utility services adjacent to the live burn site shall be removed or protected.

8.2.15 Trees, brush, and surrounding vegetation that create a hazard to participants shall be removed.

8.2.16 Combustible materials, other than those intended for the live fire training evolution, shall be removed or stored in a protected area to preclude accidental ignition.

8.2.17 Property adjacent to the training site that could be affected by the smoke from the live fire training evolution, such as railroads, airports or heliports, and nursing homes, hospitals, or other similar facilities, shall be identified.

8.2.18 The persons in charge of the properties described in 8.2.17 shall be informed of the date and time of the evolution.

8.2.19* Streets or highways in the vicinity of the training site shall be surveyed for potential effects from live fire training evolutions and safeguards shall be taken to eliminate possible hazards to motorists.

8.2.20 Pedestrian traffic in the vicinity of the training site shall be kept clear of the operations area of the live burn, and fire lines shall be established for this purpose.

8.2.21 Awareness of weather conditions, wind velocity, and wind direction shall be maintained, including a final check for possible changes in weather conditions immediately before actual ignition.

8.2.22 The water supply for any individual live fire training evolution shall be assessed based on the extent of the evolution to be performed.

8.2.22.1 Consideration shall be given to the proper control and extinguishment of the fire and the provision of necessary backup lines to protect personnel.

8.2.22.2 The minimum water supply and delivery for the live fire training evolutions shall meet the criteria identified in NFPA 1142, *Standard on Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Fire Fighting*.

8.2.22.3 A minimum reserve of additional water in the amount of 50 percent of the fire flow demand determined in accordance with 8.2.22.2 shall be available to handle exposure protection or unforeseen situations.

8.2.22.4* Separate sources shall be utilized for the supply of attack lines and backup lines in order to preclude the loss of both water supply sources at the same time.

Exception: A single source shall be sufficient at a training center facility where the water system has been engineered to provide adequate volume for the evolutions conducted and a backup power source or backup pumps, or both, are in place to ensure an uninterrupted supply in the event of a power failure or malfunction.

8.2.23 Adequate areas for the staging, operating, and parking of fire apparatus that are used in the live fire training evolution shall be designated.

8.2.23.1 An area for parking fire apparatus and vehicles that are not a part of the evolution shall be designated so as not to interfere with fireground operations.

8.2.23.2 Consideration shall be given to locating this parking area in order to facilitate prompt response of apparatus in the event of an emergency.

8.2.23.3 Where required, parking areas for police or press vehicles shall be designated.

8.2.23.4 A parking area for an ambulance or an emergency medical services vehicle shall be designated in an area to facilitate prompt response in the event of personal injury to participants in the evolution.

8.2.23.5 Consideration shall be given to the designation and layout of ingress/egress routes in order to ensure their availability in the event of an emergency.

8.2.24 Prior to conducting actual live fire training evolutions, a preburn briefing session shall be conducted for all participants.

8.2.24.1 All facets of each evolution to be conducted shall be discussed, and assignments shall be made for all crews participating in the training session.

8.2.24.2 The location of simulated victims shall not be required to be disclosed, provided that the possibility of victims is discussed in the preburn briefing.

8.2.24.3 A preburn plan shall be prepared and shall be utilized during the preburn briefing sessions.

8.2.24.4 All features of the training areas shall be indicated on the plan.

8.2.25 Prior to conducting any live fire training, all participants shall have a knowledge of and familiarity with the prop or props being used for the evolution.

8.2.26 All spectators shall be restricted to an area outside the operations area perimeter established by the safety officer.

8.2.26.1 Control measures such as ropes, signs, and fire line markings shall be used to indicate the perimeter of the operations area.

8.2.26.2 Visitors who are allowed within the operations area perimeter shall be escorted at all times.

8.2.26.3 Visitors who are allowed within the operations area perimeter shall wear complete protective clothing according to manufacturer's instructions in accordance with 8.4.16.1 through 8.4.16.7.

8.2.27 All possible sources of ignition, other than those that are under the direct supervision of the person responsible for the start of the training fire, shall be removed from the operations area.

8.2.28 There shall be room provided around all props so that there is space for all attack lines as well as backup lines to operate freely.

8.3 Fuel Materials.

8.3.1 The fuels that are utilized in live exterior Class B fire training evolutions shall have known burning characteristics that are as controllable as possible.

8.3.2 Unidentified materials found in or around the structure that could burn in unanticipated ways, react violently, or create environmental or health hazards shall not be permitted to be used.

8.3.3* Fuel materials shall be used only in the amounts necessary to create the desired fire size.

8.3.4* The instructor-in-charge shall assess the selected fire environment for factors that can affect the growth, development, and spread of the fire.

8.3.5* The instructor-in-charge shall document fuel loading.

8.3.6* The training exercise shall be stopped immediately when the instructor-in-charge determines through ongoing assessment that the combustible nature of the environment represents a potential hazard.

8.3.7 The exercise shall continue only when actions have been taken to reduce the hazard.

8.3.8 Props used for outside live fire training shall be designed specifically for the evolution to be performed.

8.3.9* All props that use pressure to move fuel to the fire shall be equipped with remote fuel shutoffs outside of the safety perimeter but within sight of the prop and the entire field of attack for the prop.

8.3.10 During the entire time the prop is in use, the remote shutoff shall be continuously attended by safety personnel trained in its operation.

8.3.11 Liquefied petroleum gas props shall be equipped with all safety features as described in NFPA 58, *Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code*, and NFPA 59, *Utility LP-Gas Plant Code*.

8.3.12 Where the evolution involves the failure of a safety feature, the failed part shall be located downstream from the properly functioning safety feature.

8.3.13 Measures shall be taken where using flammable or combustible liquids to prevent runoff from contaminating the surrounding area.

8.3.14 There shall be oil separators for cleaning the runoff water.

8.4 Safety.

8.4.1 A safety officer shall be appointed for all live fire training evolutions.

8.4.2* The safety officer shall have the authority, regardless of rank, to intervene and control any aspect of the operations when, in his or her judgment, a potential or actual danger, accident, or unsafe condition exists.

8.4.3 The responsibilities of the safety officer shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Prevention of unsafe acts
- (2) Elimination of unsafe conditions

8.4.4 The safety officer shall provide for the safety of all persons on the scene including students, instructors, visitors, and spectators.

8.4.5 The safety officer shall not be assigned other duties that interfere with safety responsibilities.

8.4.6 The safety officer shall be knowledgeable in the operation and location of safety features available, such as emergency shutoff switches, gas shutoff valves, and evacuation alarms.

8.4.7* The instructor-in-charge of the live fire training evolutions shall determine, prior to each specific evolution, the number of training attack lines and backup lines that are necessary.

8.4.7.1 Each hoseline shall be capable of delivering a minimum of 360 L/min (95 gpm).

8.4.7.2 Backup lines shall be provided to ensure adequate protection for personnel on training attack lines.

8.4.8 The instructor-in-charge shall assign the following personnel:

- (1) One instructor to each functional crew, which shall not exceed five students
- (2) One instructor to each backup line
- (3) Additional personnel to backup lines to provide mobility
- (4) One additional instructor for each additional functional assignment
- (5) One safety person to each manually activated safety station

8.4.9 A method of fireground communications shall be established to enable coordination among the incident commander, the interior and exterior sectors, the safety officer, and external requests for assistance.

8.4.10 Emergency medical services shall be available on site to handle injuries.

8.4.11 Written reports shall be filled out and submitted on all injuries and on all medical aid rendered.

8.4.12 One person who is not a student shall be designated to control the materials being burned and to ignite the training fire in the presence of and under the direct supervision of a safety officer.

8.4.12.1 The person designated to control the materials being burned and to ignite the training fire shall wear full protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) as required in 8.4.16.1 through 8.4.16.7 of this standard.

8.4.12.2 The decision to ignite the training fire shall be made by the instructor-in-charge, in coordination with the safety officer.

8.4.13 No person(s) shall play the role of a victim inside the building.

8.4.14 Fires shall not be located in any designated exit paths.

8.4.15 The training session shall be curtailed, postponed, or canceled, as necessary, to reduce the risk of injury or illness caused by extreme weather conditions.

8.4.16 Each participant shall be equipped with full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

8.4.16.1 All participants shall be inspected by the safety officer prior to entry into a live fire training evolution to ensure that the protective clothing and SCBA are being worn according to manufacturer's instructions and are in serviceable condition.

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Chapter 9 Reports and Records

9.1 General.

9.1.1 The following records and reports shall be maintained on all live fire training evolutions in accordance with the requirements of this standard:

- (1) An accounting of the activities conducted
- (2) A listing of instructors present and their assignments
- (3) A listing of all other participants
- (4) Documentation of unusual conditions encountered
- (5) Any injuries incurred and treatment rendered
- (6) Any changes or deterioration of the structure
- (7) Documentation of the condition of the premises and adjacent area at the conclusion of the training exercise

9.1.2* For acquired buildings, records pertaining to the structure shall be completed.

9.1.3 Upon completion of the training session, an acquired building shall be formally turned over to the control of the property owner; the process shall

include the completion of a standard form indicating the transfer of authority for the building.

9.1.4 A post-training critique session, complete with documentation, shall be conducted to evaluate student performance and to reinforce the training that was covered.

Annex A Explanatory Material

Annex A is not a part of the requirements of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only. This annex contains explanatory material, numbered to correspond with the applicable text paragraphs.

A.1.2 Drills conducted to familiarize fire fighters with the proper use of self-contained breathing apparatus in a smoke environment should not be conducted under live fire conditions.

A.3.2.1 **Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).** The phrase “authority having jurisdiction,” or its acronym AHJ, is used in NFPA documents in a broad manner, since jurisdictions and approval agencies vary, as do their responsibilities. Where public safety is primary, the authority having jurisdiction may be a federal, state, local, or other regional department or individual such as a fire chief; fire marshal; chief of a fire prevention bureau, labor department, or health department; building official; electrical inspector; or others having statutory authority. For insurance purposes, an insurance inspection department, rating bureau, or other insurance company representative may be the authority having jurisdiction. In many circumstances, the property owner or his or her designated agent assumes the role of the authority having jurisdiction; at government installations, the commanding officer or departmental official may be the authority having jurisdiction.

A.3.3.2.2 Training Center Burn Building. It does not include a structure that is used primarily for training in the use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) where only smoke conditions are created, without a live fire, and the trainee is not subjected to risk of the effects of fire other than the smoke produced.

A.4.1.1 The following job performance requirements from NFPA 1001 should be used as guidance related to the list of subjects in 4.1.1:

- (1) 3-2.3 Radio use
- (2) 3-3.1 SCBA
- (3) 3-3.3 Forcible entry
- (4) 3-3.4 Safety, extinguishers, personnel accountability
- (5) 3-3.5 Ground ladders
- (6) 3-3.7 Fire extinguishment
- (7) 3-3.8 Search and rescue
- (8) 3-3.9 Structural fire fighting
- (9) 3-3.10 Horizontal ventilation
- (10) 3-3.11 Vertical ventilation
- (11) 3-3.12 Overhaul
- (12) 3-3.14 Water supply
- (13) 3-3.15 Fire extinguishers

- (14) 3-3.16 Scene illumination
- (15) 3-5.3 Tool maintenance
- (16) 3-5.4 Fire hose care and maintenance

A.4.1.2 The type of written documentation required can vary, depending upon the instructor's familiarity with the student participants' level of training from outside agencies. All student participants from outside agencies should be allowed to participate only as official representatives of an established organization. Prior documentation should be required in order to facilitate planning of the training session.

A.4.2.1 Where training facility burn buildings are available, they should be used instead of acquired structures.

A.4.2.2 The permits required for the exercise can include the following:

- (1) Air quality
- (2) Water runoff
- (3) Water usage
- (4) Burning
- (5) Traffic

Other permits could be required and thorough research of required permits should be completed prior to acceptance of the building for use for training.

A.4.2.3 Information pertaining to building ownership should be reviewed by the legal counsel of the authority having jurisdiction prior to accepting the structure.

A.4.2.5 Information regarding the written permission of the building owner should be reviewed by the legal counsel of the authority having jurisdiction prior to accepting the structure.

A.4.2.7 Information regarding cancellation of insurance by the building owner should be reviewed by the legal counsel of the authority having jurisdiction prior to accepting the structure.

A.4.2.9 Care should be exercised in the neutralization of hazards posed by closed tanks and vessels. The vessel or its contents can pose a hazard that should be eliminated. Appropriate references should be consulted or assistance should be obtained based on the specific circumstances encountered. The area within the tank should be filled with dry sand as a preferred means of rendering the internal atmosphere inert. Under no circumstances should water or other liquids be utilized as a means of inerting a tank or other closed vessel.

A.4.2.10.5 Low-density combustible fiberboard has been implicated as a major factor in the following rapidly spreading fires that resulted in fatalities:

- (1) Our Lady of the Angels School (Chicago, IL, 1958)
- (2) Hartford Hospital (Hartford, CT, 1961)
- (3) Opemiska Social Club (Chapais, Quebec, 1980)
- (4) Boulder Fire Department training fire (Boulder, CO, 1982)

Unconventional interior finishes include burlap, carpeting, and artificial turf.

A.4.2.10.6 The collapse of overhead structural members can result from the combined effect of the weight of both live and dead overhead loads as well as the loss of structural integrity caused by fire. Linoleum is a potential fuel source,

particularly after being preheated by repeated fire exposure and thus can contribute to an unanticipated increase in fire intensity.

A.4.2.11.2 Roof ventilation openings can consist of precut panels or hinged covers.

A.4.2.20 Such safeguards can include street closings, traffic rerouting, signs, and police traffic control.

A.4.2.22 Severe weather could require the participants to respond to other incidents, or could expose trainees to danger if training during severe weather. Wind velocity can contribute to spreading the fire within the training structure or throughout a neighborhood, or wind direction could cause smoke problems in the neighborhood.

A.4.2.23.3 Reliability should be considered when determining what constitutes valid separate sources. The intent of this paragraph is to prevent the simultaneous loss of both attack lines and backup lines in the event of a pump or water supply failure. Where a public water supply system is used, two pumpers on two different hydrants should be used. Two pumpers drafting from the same pond or river also are appropriate, provided the source contains sufficient usable water. Where tankers or folding tanks, or both, are used, two separate pumpers should be used to supply the attack and backup lines.

A.4.3.3 Acceptable Class A materials include pine excelsior, wooden pallets, straw, hay, and other ordinary combustibles.

A.4.3.4 An excessive fuel load can contribute to conditions that create unusually dangerous fire behavior. This can jeopardize structural stability, egress, and the safety of participants.

A.4.3.7 The instructor-in-charge is concerned with the safety of participants and the assessment of conditions that can lead to rapid, uncontrolled burning,

commonly referred to as “flashover.” Flashover can trap, injure, and kill fire fighters. Conditions known to be variables affecting the attainment of flashover are as follows:

- (1) The heat release characteristics of materials used as primary fuels
- (2) The preheating of combustibles
- (3) The combustibility of wall and ceiling materials
- (4) The room geometry (e.g., ceiling height, openings to rooms)

In addition, the arrangement of the initial materials to be ignited, particularly the proximity to walls and ceilings, and the ventilation openings are important factors to be considered when assessing the potential fire growth.

A.4.3.8 Plotting the expected avenues of firespread and the time factors for expected buildup of the fire provides an extra degree of safety for the participants of the exercise. Voids can result in sudden and unexpected vertical spread of the fire and trap participants by cutting off exit routes, or can result in unexpected weakening of the structural members, leading to collapse. To compensate for this potential hazard, the instructor-in-charge should prescribe primary and secondary exit paths for participants in the exercises.

A.4.3.9 Incidents of injuries and deaths during live fire training exercises indicate that fire growth dynamics were not considered or were inaccurately assessed prior to the beginning of the exercises. Fire growth is typically linear until the flame height reaches the ceiling; thereafter, rapid acceleration can be expected. It might be necessary to remove combustible wall and ceiling materials, reduce the amount of furnishings, or take other similar measures to reduce rapid fire growth. Careful consideration should be given to the presence of combustible void spaces, and steps should be taken to ensure that the fire is not able to gain unexpected growth in such areas.

A.4.4.2 Severe weather presents the potential for health and safety hazards to all persons attending and participating in an exercise. Extreme heat can cause heat exhaustion or heat stroke, and extreme cold can cause frostbite, hypothermia, or slippery surfaces. An impending severe storm can bring lightning or high winds. Such situations warrant the careful consideration of limiting activity, waiting for a storm to pass, or postponing the exercise.

A.4.4.6 A minimum flow rate of 360 L/min (95 gpm) is necessary in order to provide adequate quantities of water to cover the planned evolution plus a reserve for unanticipated emergencies. The appropriate quantity and exact flow rates that are needed for fire control and extinguishment should be calculated in advance, and certain factors such as equipment, manpower, fire area, and topography should be taken into consideration. Knowledge of the hoseline sizes, types of nozzles, type of fire stream to be utilized, and principles of fire attack and deployment aid in determining the exact flow rates that are necessary.

A.4.4.8 The additional safety personnel can be necessary to watch for signs of fire in voids, concealed spaces, and exit paths, or combinations thereof, at acquired structures. Where fire is discovered in any of these areas, the operation should cease as a training exercise and should be treated as a working structure fire.

A.4.4.10 Participants involved in the live fire training evolutions should be instructed to report to a predetermined location for a roll call if evacuation of the building is signaled. Instructors should immediately report any personnel not accounted for to the instructor-in-charge. Examples of an evacuation signal that could be used include a whistle, apparatus air horn, or high-low electronic siren.

A.4.4.17.4 Clothing worn under protective clothing can degrade and cause injury to the wearer, even without damaging the protective clothing. All wearers

of protective clothing should be aware of the dangers of clothing made from certain all-synthetic materials that can melt and adhere to and burn the wearer even while wearing protective clothing that meets NFPA standards. Any clothing, such as shirts, pants, underwear, and sweatshirts worn under protective clothing, should meet the requirements of NFPA 1975, *Standard on Station/Work Uniforms for Fire and Emergency Services*, whenever possible, or clothing should be selected, at a minimum, for the fabric's ability to resist ignition. Fire-retardant fabrics and all-natural fibers should be considered.

A.4.4.17.7 No person should be allowed to breathe smoke, toxic vapors or fumes, products of combustion, or other contaminated atmospheres or be exposed to an oxygen-deficient atmosphere.

A.4.4.18.3 The gas-fueled training systems that are available can provide the instructors with the ability to ignite the fires from a remote control room. Igniting a fire in this manner can present a safety risk to unsuspecting personnel within the burn building. It is important for the instructor located in the control room to keep in constant communication with the instructor present within the burn building. This communication is critical when initiating a fire and throughout the training exercise.

A.4.5.2 It is important that the participating student-to-instructor ratio be monitored so it does not exceed the span of control necessary to provide proper supervision of trainees.

A.5.1.1 The following job performance requirements from NFPA 1001, *Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, should be used as guidance related to the list of subjects in 5.1.1:

- (1) 3-2.3 Radio use
- (2) 3-3.1 SCBA

- (3) 3-3.3 Forcible entry
- (4) 3-3.4 Safety, extinguishers, personnel accountability
- (5) 3-3.5 Ground ladders
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- (14) 3-3.16 Scene illumination
- (15) 3-5.3 Tool maintenance
- (16) 3-5.4 Fire hose care and maintenance

A.5.1.2 See A.4.1.2.

A.5.2.1 These practices vary greatly in the degree of application where comparing burn building structures to acquired structures. By nature, burn buildings have been designed specifically for the purpose of repeated live fire training evolutions and include safeguards that become unacceptably hazardous only through misuse or improper maintenance.

A.5.2.2 There should be ongoing concern for the progressive damage to burn buildings associated with fire intensity during live fire training evolutions. Excessive fire intensity can result in accelerated destruction of the training center burn building and can increase the risk to personnel to an unacceptable level.

A.5.2.2.2 Routine maintenance is important to providing a safe, durable burn building for live fire training. Periodic engineering evaluations are one step in that process. Burn buildings present unique engineering problems that are not taught to engineers in college or in their daily practice of engineering office buildings, schools, and fire stations. Before a registered (licensed) Professional Engineer (P.E.) understands "burn building engineering," it takes significant efforts on the part of the P.E. to learn how burn buildings are used, how repetitive live fire training affects structural and non-structural elements within the burn building, and what materials have been proven to work (or not work) within such a harsh environment. This effort typically requires both research/educational efforts and experience with burn building projects.

Because the required evaluation is for structural integrity, the P.E. performing the evaluation should be a structural engineer or teamed with a structural engineer to perform the evaluation. Many states do not license P.E.s by discipline, meaning that "P.E." could mean structural engineer or some other engineering discipline, such as electrical, mechanical, fire protection, or aeronautical. State laws require P.E.s to offer engineering services for only those branches of engineering for which they are qualified. Therefore, a P.E. who is an electrical engineer or fire protection engineer with no structural qualifications would not be allowed, under law, to evaluate the structural integrity of a burn building.

Note that a P.E. with refractive materials experience and expertise, but not burn building experience and expertise, might not have sufficient understanding of

how refractory concrete performs in a burn building environment. Many P.E.s with refractive materials experience have gained that experience working with industrial applications, where furnaces are heated and cooled slowly. Certain applications of refractory concrete work well under those furnace conditions. However, the same applications of refractory concrete at times work poorly in the burn building environment, where rapid heating, cooling, and thermal shock deteriorate refractory concrete differently than a furnace application would. Many P.E.s with only refractive materials experience, but no burn building experience, do not know this. As a result, the requirement for burn building experience and expertise has been added to the standard. In many cases, the P.E. retained to evaluate the integrity can also, under the same contract, be required to make recommendations for how to repair, maintain, or improve the burn building.

The phrase "with burn building experience and expertise" must be interpreted by each entity following its own local and state laws and guidelines. The intent is for the P.E. to have performed at least one burn building project previously, so that the entity hiring the P.E. will benefit from the educational and research efforts performed, and experience gained, by the P.E. for the previous burn building project(s). This could include a previous burn building evaluation, the repair or renovation to an existing burn building, or the design of a new burn building. In many cases, it would be acceptable for a P.E. without burn building experience or expertise to perform the evaluation as long as he or she has teamed with a P.E. with burn building experience or expertise.

Although the standard requires only the "structural integrity" to be evaluated annually, it is advisable to have the non-structural elements evaluated at the same time. Illustrative examples include the following:

- (1) A spray-on refractory concrete thermal lining is not a structural element. It is a concrete material on the ceiling intended to protect the structural

concrete. Exposure to live fire training can cause it to wear out over time. Portions of it can loosen and fall out, creating a safety concern for occupants. Even though it is not structural, it is good to have the P.E. evaluate the condition of the lining concrete and advise on its repairs and/or maintenance in order to enhance training safety.

- (2) Doors in burn buildings at times do not operate properly, sticking shut during training and creating safety problems relating to emergency egress. The P.E. could evaluate this and make recommendations for repairs.
- (3) A rusted hinge at a second floor window shutter could cause the shutter to fall to the ground below. The P.E. could evaluate the burn building shutters and make recommendations for necessary repairs to enhance safety and durability.

A.5.2.2.3 Heat can soak through thermal linings and reach the protected structure, especially if the linings are cracked or otherwise require maintenance when live fire training occurs. This heat could damage the structure, a hidden condition that would otherwise go undetected if the panels are not occasionally removed to expose the hidden conditions.

A.5.2.4 Some training center burn buildings might utilize propane-fueled fires in lieu of Class A-fueled fires and still create a realistic fire training experience. Propane-fueled fires produce less smoke and other by-products than ordinary Class A combustibles and, therefore, create less of a negative environmental impact. Such fires also negate the need to clean up large amounts of burned materials at the end of the exercise, because no such materials are used. Such buildings might incorporate emergency shutdown switches and other electronic devices to monitor burn evolutions, which should provide an increased level of safety for fire fighters.

A.5.2.5 Some training center burn buildings utilize gas-fueled fires in lieu of Class A-fueled fires. Gas-fueled fires produce less smoke and other by-products than ordinary Class A combustibles and, therefore, create less of a negative environmental impact. Such fires also negate the need to clean up large amounts of burned materials at the end of the exercise, because no such materials are used. Such buildings incorporate emergency shutdown switches, ventilation systems, and other electronic devices to monitor burn evolutions that should provide an increased level of safety for fire fighters.

A.5.2.10.4 See A.4.2.23.3.

A.5.3.3 Propane and liquefied natural gas remain in the liquid state only when they are stored and distributed under pressure. When either of these gases is released, the difference in the storage and atmospheric pressures can cause the liquid to convert quickly to a gas. During this conversion, liquid propane, for example, can expand 272.7 times its volume. With such a high expansion rate, a leaking liquid propane pipe has the potential to cause the space to reach an explosive level.

A.5.3.5 See A.4.3.7.

A.5.3.6 See A.4.3.9.

A.5.4.2 See A.4.4.2.

A.5.4.7 See A.4.4.6.

A.5.4.8 See A.4.4.8.

A.5.4.10 See A.4.4.10.

A.5.4.17.4 See A.4.4.17.4.

A.5.4.17.7 See A.4.4.17.7.

A.5.4.18 See A.4.4.18.3.

A.5.5.2 See A.4.5.2.

A.6.1.1 The following job performance requirements from NFPA 1001, *Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, should be used as guidance related to the list of subjects in 6.1.1:

- (1) 3-2.3 Radio use
- (2) 3-3.1 SCBA
- (3) 3-3.3 Forcible entry
- (4) 3-3.4 Safety, extinguishers, personnel accountability
- (5) 3-3.5 Ground ladders
- (6) 3-3.7 Fire extinguishment
- (7) 3-3.8 Search and rescue
- (8) 3-3.9 Structural fire fighting
- (9) 3-3.10 Horizontal ventilation
- (10) 3-3.11 Vertical ventilation
- (11) 3-3.12 Overhaul
- (12) 3-3.14 Water supply
- (13) 3-3.15 Fire extinguishers
- (14) 3-3.16 Scene illumination

(15) 3-5.3 Tool maintenance

(16) 3-5.4 Fire hose care and maintenance

A.6.1.2 See A.4.1.2.

A.6.2.1 These practices vary greatly in the degree of application where comparing burn building structures to acquired structures. By nature, burn buildings have been designed specifically for the purpose of repeated live fire training evolutions and include safeguards that become unacceptably hazardous only through misuse or improper maintenance.

A.6.2.2 See A.5.2.2.

A.6.2.2.2 See A.5.2.2.2.

A.6.2.2.3 Heat can soak through thermal linings and reach the protected structure, especially if the linings are cracked or otherwise require maintenance when live fire training occurs. This heat could damage the structure, a hidden condition that would otherwise go undetected if the panels are not occasionally removed to expose the hidden conditions.

A.6.2.4 See A.5.2.4.

A.6.2.10 Such safeguards can include street closings, traffic rerouting, signs, and police traffic control.

A.6.2.13.4 See A.4.2.23.3.

A.6.3.4 See A.4.3.3.

A.6.3.6 Where combustible liquids are used in a training center burn building, safety precautions should include, but should not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Fuel is contained in a noncombustible container.
- (2) A qualified person verifies that the rate of heat release does not result in unsafe conditions for the students, instructors, or structure.
- (3) A system is in place to prevent overflow of the container when fire-fighting water is applied.
- (4) A system is in place to prevent splashing of the fuel.
- (5) A method is in place to control unburned vapors.

A.6.3.7 See A.4.3.7.

A.6.3.8 See A.4.3.8.

A.6.3.9 See A.4.3.9.

A.6.4.2 See A.4.4.2.

A.6.4.7 See A.4.4.6.

A.6.4.8 See A.4.4.8.

A.6.4.10 See A.4.4.10.

A.6.4.17.4 See A.4.4.17.4.

A.6.4.17.7 See A.4.4.17.7.

A.6.4.18.3 See A.4.4.18.3.

A.6.5.2 See A.4.5.2.

A.7.1.1 The following job performance requirements from NFPA 1001, *Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, should be used as guidance related to the list of subjects in 7.1.1:

- (1) 3-2.3 Radio use
- (2) 3-3.1 SCBA
- (3) 3-3.3 Forcible entry
- (4) 3-3.4 Safety, extinguishers, personnel accountability
- (5) 3-3.5 Ground ladders
- (6) 3-3.7 Fire extinguishment
- (7) 3-3.8 Search and rescue
- (8) 3-3.9 Structural fire fighting
- (9) 3-3.10 Horizontal ventilation
- (10) 3-3.11 Vertical ventilation
- (11) 3-3.12 Overhaul
- (12) 3-3.14 Water supply
- (13) 3-3.15 Fire extinguishers
- (14) 3-3.16 Scene illumination
- (15) 3-5.3 Tool maintenance
- (16) 3-5.4 Fire hose care and maintenance

A.7.1.2 See A.4.1.2.

A.7.2.1 These practices vary greatly, depending on the evolutions performed and the location where performed. Props that are specifically designed for live fire training represent different challenges than props that are acquired for training. Acquired props were never designed to withstand repeated burning and might present unexpected reactions when exposed to fire.

A.7.2.18 Such safeguards can include street closings, traffic rerouting, signs, and police traffic control.

A.7.2.21.4 See A.4.2.23.3.

A.7.3.3 A fire should not be larger than is necessary for the evolution. It should be understood that it is not necessary to have large fires to teach many of the basic evolutions and tactics. Where the objective of the training session is to train in the use of master streams or multiple attack lines, larger fires might be necessary. The key element is to maintain a fire that is controllable using the available resources.

A.7.3.5 See A.4.3.7.

A.7.3.6 See A.4.3.9.

A.7.3.9 The safety person at the remote shutoff should have the authority to shut off the fuel supply to the prop when, in the safety person's judgment, the prop has malfunctioned, the fire has gone dangerously out of control, or the extinguishment team is in jeopardy.

A.7.3.15 The list of the items to be removed prior to a vehicle burn evolution should consist of, but should not be limited to, bumper compression cylinders, shock absorbers, fuel tanks, drive shafts, batteries, and brake shoes

(asbestos). The oil pan, transmission, and differential drain plugs should be removed, and the fluids should be drained and disposed of properly.

A.7.4.2 See A.4.4.2.

A.7.4.7 See A.4.4.6.

A.7.4.8 See A.4.4.8.

A.7.4.16.4 See A.4.4.17.4.

A.7.4.16.7 See A.4.4.17.7.

A.7.5.2 See A.4.5.2.

A.8.1.1 See A.4.1.1.

A.8.1.2 See A.4.1.2.

A.8.2.1 See A.5.2.1.

A.8.2.19 Such safeguards can include street closings, traffic rerouting, signs, and police traffic control.

A.8.2.22.4 See A.4.2.23.3.

A.8.3.3 See A.4.3.4.

A.8.3.4 See A.4.3.7.

A.8.3.5 See A.4.3.8.

A.8.3.6 See A.4.3.9.

A.8.3.9 See A.7.3.9.

A.8.4.2 See A.4.4.2.

A.8.4.7 See A.4.4.6.

A.8.4.16.2 Protective trousers might be susceptible to wicking where used with flammable and combustible liquids. Precautions should be taken to prevent protective trouser contact with flammable or combustible liquids.

Leather boots might be susceptible to degradation when contact is made with flammable or combustible liquids. Precautions should be taken to prevent leather boots from coming in contact with flammable or combustible liquids.

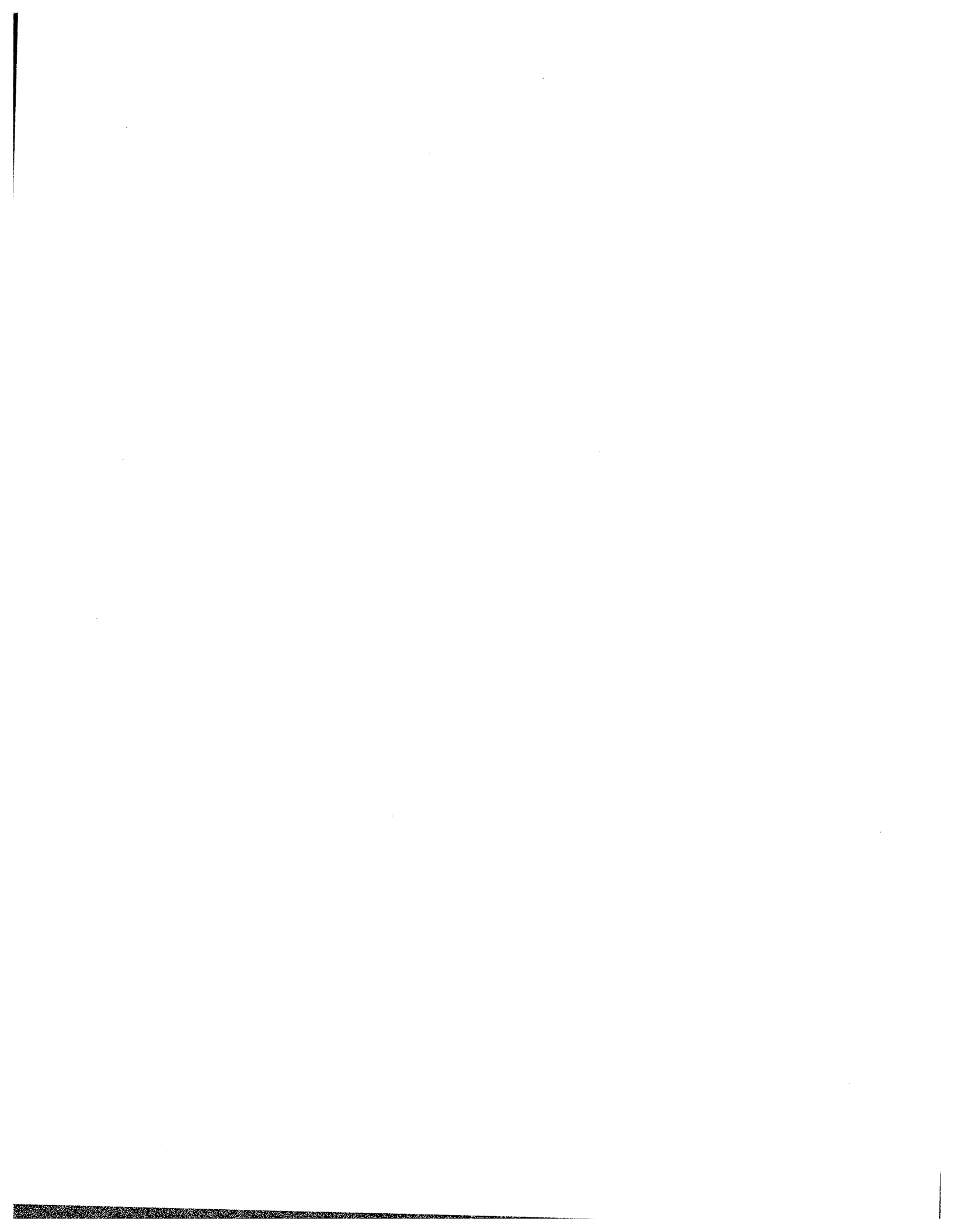
A.8.4.16.4 See A.4.4.17.4.

A.8.4.16.7 See A.4.4.17.7.

A.8.5.2 See A.4.5.2.

A.9.1.2 Figure A.9.1.2(a) shows a sample release form that can be used with acquired buildings. The exact form should be approved by local officials. Figure A.9.1.2(b) shows a standard notice of cancellation or nonrenewal of insurance.

FIGURE A.9.1.2(a) Sample Release Form.



**FIGURE A.9.1.2(b) Standard Notice of Cancellation or Nonrenewal of
Insurance Form.**