

In Kansas:

On March 4, 2012, a 34-year-old male volunteer lieutenant (the victim) lost his life at a theatre fire after the roof collapsed, trapping him within the theatre.

Contributing Factors (partial list):

- Initial arriving units not establishing/performing/implementing an incident management system, an overall incident commander, an incident action plan (IAP), and a 360-degree situational size-up
- Fireground and suppression activities not coordinated
- Fire ground communications between departments not established

In California:

On June 2, 2011, a 48 year-old career lieutenant and a 53 year-old fire fighter/paramedic died in a multi-level residential structure fire while searching for the seat of the fire.

Contributing Factors (partial list):

- *Ineffective size-up*
- *Ineffective fire command communications and progress reporting*
- *Lack of a personnel accountability system.*

In California:

On October 29, 2008, a 24-year old male volunteer fire fighter was fatally injured while fighting a residential structure fire.

NIOSH investigators concluded that, to minimize the risk of similar occurrences, fire departments should (partial list):

- *Develop, implement, and enforce a written incident management system to be followed at all emergency incident operations and ensure that officers and fire fighters are trained on how to implement the incident management system.*
- *Ensure that protocols are developed on issuing a Mayday so that fire fighters and dispatch centers know how to respond.*
- *Ensure that properly coordinated ventilation is conducted on structure fires.*

In Texas:

On July 3, 2010, a 30-year-old male volunteer Captain died while attempting to locate and extinguish a late night fire in the back of an egg processing plant.

Contributing Factors (partial list):

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- *ineffective communications*



FIRE FIGHTER I

JPR: FFI-2A

Candidate: _____

STANDARD: 5.2.1 NFPA 1001, 2013 Edition Communications	Task: Initiate a response to a reported emergency, given the report of an emergency, department SOPs, and communications equipment, so that all necessary information is obtained, communications equipment is operated correctly, and the information is relayed promptly and accurately to the dispatch center.	
PERFORMANCE OUTCOME:	The candidate shall demonstrate the ability to operate fire department communications equipment, relay information, and record information. Safety: A safety violation is grounds for automatic failure. All proctors present shall review the safety violation.	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Department SOP's, communication equipment, paper, and pencil.		
CONDITIONS: Given a scenario of a reported alarm, the candidate shall demonstrate the ability to:		
No.	Task Steps	✓
1.	Verbalize how the alarm is received.	
2.	Write proper address and nature of the emergency.	
3.	Promptly contacts dispatch by radio indicating an alarm has been received.	
4.	Informs dispatch that they are responding to the emergency.	



FIRE FIGHTER I

JPR: FFI-2B

Candidate: _____

STANDARD: 5.2.2 NFPA 1001, 2013 Edition Communications	Task: Receive a telephone call, given a fire department phone, so that procedures for answering the phone are used and the caller's information is relayed.	
PERFORMANCE OUTCOME:	The candidate shall be able to operate fire station telephone and intercom equipment. Safety: A safety violation is grounds for automatic failure. All proctors present shall review the safety violation.	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Telephone, paper, and pencil.		
CONDITIONS: Given a real or simulated call, the candidate shall demonstrate the ability to:		
No.	Task Steps	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.	Ensure paper and pencils (or pens) are available.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Answer the phone promptly.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Identify himself/herself and the department to the caller	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Take an appropriate message (i.e. date, time, caller, caller's phone number and person taking call).	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Deliver a message or transfer the call to the appropriate person.	<input type="checkbox"/>



FIRE FIGHTER I

JPR: FFI-2C

Candidate: _____

STANDARD: 5.2.3		Task: Transmit and receive messages via the fire department radio, given a fire department radio and operating procedures, so that the information is accurate, complete, clear, and relayed within the time established by the AHJ.
NFPA 1001, 2013 Edition		
Communications		
PERFORMANCE OUTCOME:	The candidate shall demonstrate the ability to operate radio equipment and discriminate between routine and emergency traffic.	
	Safety: A safety violation is grounds for automatic failure. All proctors present shall review the safety violation.	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Fire department mobile or portable radio, full protective clothing and SCBA.		
CONDITIONS: Given a simulated fire scenario, the candidate shall demonstrate the ability to:		
No.	Task Steps	✓
1.	Determine there is no other radio traffic before transmitting (unless emergency traffic).	
2.	Speak calmly, clearly, distinctly and at a medium speed.	
3.	Transmit a message that is brief, accurate and to the point.	
4.	Identify who the message is addressed to.	
5.	Identify the person or unit transmitting.	
6.	Acknowledges information back from command (if applicable).	



FIRE FIGHTER I

JPR: FFI-2D

Candidate: _____

STANDARD: 5.2.4 NFPA 1001, 2013 Edition Communications	Task: Activate an emergency call for assistance, given vision-obscured conditions, PPE, and department SOP's, so that the fire fighter can be located and rescued.	
PERFORMANCE OUTCOME:	The candidate shall demonstrate the ability to initiate an emergency call for assistance (by radio, PASS device, or other means to alert the need of emergency assistance) in accordance to the AHJ's procedures.	
	Safety: A safety violation is grounds for automatic failure. All proctors present shall review the safety violation.	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Fire department mobile or portable radio, mayday props (simulating lost/trapped, stuck, falling through a floor, or collapsed on), personal light, and full protective clothing with SCBA.		
CONDITIONS: Given a simulated fire scenario, the candidate shall demonstrate the ability to:		
No.	Task Steps	✓
1.	Use radio to call "MayDay, MayDay, Mayday".	
2.	Provide correct information during MayDay situation (as determined by AHJ).	
3.	Activate PASS device.	
4.	Attempt self-rescue.	
5.	Slow breathing to conserve air supply.	