

Firefighter Combat Challenge

The Combat Challenge is designed to simulate actual fire ground conditions that are encountered in routine fire suppression/rescue activities.

The Combat Challenge will be performed while wearing standard firefighting equipment and a Scott 2.2 self-contained breathing apparatus (helmet, bunker coat, pants and SCBA will be provided). Applicants will wear provided ankle weights to simulate the weight of fire boots due to the difficulty in fitting each individual. Applicants will not be required to breathe from the supplied tank air. Approximate weight of firefighting equipment is 48-50 lbs.

High-Rise Pack Carry

The competition starts at the base of the tower. The 3" hose load and cover (42 lb.) may be carried in any manner and must be deposited on the top floor. The handrails may be used in climbing the tower. Steps may be taken in multiples on the way up.

Hose Hoist

A 42-lb. roll of hose and a rope is used for this event. The evolution is complete when the roll is pulled up by the rope and is placed on the top floor. Descending the tower, every step must be contacted and the handrail grasped.

Forcible Entry

The forcible entry evolution utilizes the Keiser Force Machine (a chopping simulator). Using the 9-lb. mallet, and with both feet on the diamond plate surface, the competitor must drive the sled, a 160-lb. steel beam, a horizontal distance of 5-ft.

Hose Advance

The competitor must negotiate the 140' slalom course and pick up the nozzle end of the 1 3/4" charged hose line, and drag it a distance of 75-ft. The competitor then opens the nozzle, hits a target with the water stream, shuts down the nozzle and places the nozzle on the ground. The nozzle must not be opened before crossing the 75-ft line.

Victim Rescue

A 175-lb. mannequin must be lifted and dragged backwards a distance of 100-ft. Carrying the dummy is not permitted. The mannequin must not be grasped by its clothing or appendages. Time stops when the competitor and victim completely cross the finish line.

In order to pass the Firefighter Combat Challenge test, the candidate must complete all elements of the course in 7 minutes or less.