



# State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas

Texas Volunteer Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Certification Board

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**NFPA 1081 – Industrial Fire Brigade: Exterior** (2012 Edition)

Performance Standards Evaluation Form

**Donning Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and PASS Device**

JPR(s): Exterior: 6.2.2, Interior: 7.1.2.2

## Objective(s)

The candidate will demonstrate the proper technique of donning Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and a Personal Alert Safety System (PASS) device.

## Candidate Instructions

Evaluator must read the following, verbatim, to the candidate:

*"In this skills station, you will be required to properly don SCBA, mask, and a PASS device using a safe and effective method. You must verbalize all steps while performing this skill. You have 2 minutes to complete this section of the skill. You will begin on my instruction to start. The skill will end when you state or signal that you are finished. Do you have any questions?"*

## Evaluator Instructions

Prepare the SCBA and PASS device prior to admitting the candidate to the testing area. Point out the available equipment that is provided for the candidate.

Read the Candidate Instructions verbatim to the candidate and give them an opportunity to ask questions prior to beginning the skill test. The candidate will not be allowed to view the skill sheet once testing begins. After the question opportunity, prepare your stopwatch and instruct the candidate to begin the skill. While the candidate is performing the skill test, observe whether they perform each of the line items and mark the skill sheet appropriately.

Candidate should be wearing a bunker coat, hood, bunker pants, and bunker boots. The hood may be pulled down around the candidate's neck. The helmet and bunker gloves shall be present for donning.

**Important:** To receive credit for verbalizing the pounds per square inch (psi) (kilopascals [kPa]), the candidate must state the actual pressure, such as 2,200 psi (15,200 kPa) instead of 22 psi (152 kPa).

## Grading Instructions

When filling out forms, be sure to use candidates' first and last names. In order for a candidate to receive credit for a line item, you must correctly circle the appropriate grade/points for each line item on the skill sheet. Earned scores for all line items are either full credit or zero credit; no partial credit is allowed. Note the candidate's status under Initial Test Notes and give it to the lead instructor.

## Failure/Remediation Instructions

If the candidate has failed the initial test and needs to retest, the lead instructor will need to remediate the candidate and have them sign the Retest Information Statement on the skill sheet prior to retesting. Allow the candidate time to practice before retesting. Failed skills must be fully documented in the Notes sections of the skill sheet.

## Preparation and Equipment

Candidate provides:

- Turnout coat
- Turnout pants
- Hood
- Helmet
- Boots
- Gloves

Evaluator provides:

- SCBA unit and mask
- PASS device
- Wash and rinse bottle
- Paper towels



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Circle One:	Interior	Exterior
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Evaluation Location:		Date:
Evaluator 1 Name:	Retest Evaluator 1 Name:	
Evaluator 1 Signature:	Retest Evaluator 1 Signature:	
Evaluator 2 Name:	Retest Evaluator 2 Name:	
Evaluator 2 Signature:	Retest Evaluator 2 Signature:	
<p>Evaluators may not evaluate a skill if a conflict of interest exists. A conflict may be defined as an interest that affects, or appears likely to affect the judgment or conduct of an individual associated with the skills testing process. An evaluator may not participate in the skills testing process for an immediate family member, classmate, or if he/she was the class instructor for the skill.</p>		

## Skill Performance Criteria: Donning SCBA and PASS Device

Donning SCBA	Initial Test		Retest	
	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Checks cylinder gauge and verbalizes actual psi (kPa) (e.g., states 2,200 [15,200], not 22 [152])	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Turns cylinder valve on fully, listens for alarm (verbalizes), checks remote gauge, and verbalizes actual psi (kPa) (e.g., states 2,200 [15,200], not 22 [152])	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Activates PASS device (verbalizes)	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Properly and safely positions SCBA unit on his/her back and fastens and adjusts shoulder and waist straps	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Dons and secures facepiece and pulls protective hood over head	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Checks facepiece for proper seal (any time after facepiece is in place)	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Dons helmet and adjusts chinstrap	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Attaches regulator and breathes air from the SCBA unit	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Dons gloves	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Completes skill within 2 minutes      Time: _____      Retest Time: _____	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Overall Performance Rating: (Pass = Must correctly perform all Pass/Fail items)	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail

<p><b>Initial Test Notes:</b></p>  <p><b>Retest Notes:</b></p>	<p><b>RETEST INFORMATION</b>          It is very important that you, as an examinee, understand the number of attempts allowed on the performance skills examination. You are allowed only one retest for each failed skill station.</p> <p>I, _____, have read and understand the above information on retesting.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have received sufficient retraining and remediation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Signature</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Date</p>
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