

**TOWN OF WATERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

**SECTION:** Training  
**SUBJECT:** Live Fire Training  
**REVISED:** 7/2013

**PURPOSE:**

To minimize the risk all town of Watertown firefighters operating on the scene of live fire training evolutions, whether it be an acquired structure or at the training center, interior or exterior suppression evolutions.

**POLICY:**

- A. the town of Watertown fire Department will adhere to this guideline whenever live fire training evolutions are being done.
- B. NFPA guideline 1403(standard life fire training evolutions) Annex A to these guidelines will be followed in its entirety.
- C. All my fire training requests will be made in writing by the chief to the authority having jurisdiction, the commissioner's.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

it is the responsibility of all town of Watertown fire Department officers to ensure that this guideline and NFPA 1403 is followed for all my fire training evolutions. It is also every students responsibility to ensure personal safety at all times live fire training evolutions.

**PROCEDURES:**

- A. NFPA 1403 checklist will be completed in its entirety, Annex A to this guideline.
- B. All students will have prerequisite training and 10 core subject areas:
  - 1. Firefighter 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.

NOTE: basic firefighter course does not meet these prerequisites. Intermediate firefighter course exceeds these prerequisites for student involvement.

- C. In acquired structures or cast Firebird buildings, the following instructor positions will be filled:
  - 1. instructor in charge.
  - 2. Ignition officer.
  - 3. Safety officer
  - 4. student instructors(one for every five students).

**SAFETY:**

- A. No flammable or combustible fuels will be used to ignite a fire in an acquired structure.
- B. Only one fire will be ignited at a time in an acquired structure. More than one fire can be ignited at a time in a gas-fired burn building.
- C. The safety officer as the authority to stop any activity regardless of their rank.

**OTHER:**

Annex A to this guideline will be on file at the station for review for all members. NFPA 1403 checklist will be attached to these guidelines as Annex A.