State of Oregon  
Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

NFPA Mobile Water Supply Apparatus  
Task Book

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Task Book Qualification Record Books (Task Books) have been
developed for various certification levels within the Oregon
Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)
system. Each Task Book lists the job performance requirements
(JPRs) for the specific certification level in a format that allows a
candidate to be trained then evaluated during separate evaluations.
Successful performance of all tasks, as observed and recorded by a
qualified and approved evaluator will result in the candidate’s
eligibility for DPSST certification.

To become certified at a specific level, the applicant must
successfully complete the job performance requirements in
sequence. Before a job performance evaluation can be taken, all
requisite knowledge and skills must be satisfied. In addition, all
relative Task Book evaluations must be checked off by the
evaluator. When all prescribed requirements have been met, an
application for certification will be forwarded to DPSST. All
certificates are mailed to the Training Officer at his/her Fire
Service Agency.

**TASK BOOK SPECIFICATIONS:**
To successfully complete a task book, only an evaluator certified at
the candidate’s specific level or higher may sign off on the JPR’s.
‘Requisite Knowledge’ and ‘Requisite Skills’ sections may be
completed during class and signed by the instructor. Evaluation
must be completed at candidate’s fire agency.

**NFPA TASK BOOK INFORMATION:**
The JPRs covered in this Task Book meet or exceed all NFPA
published standards for this certification level at the time of this
publication. Mention of NFPA and its standards do not, and are
not intended as adoption of—or reference to—NFPA standards.
For more information on the complete job performance
requirements and data, see the individual DPSST Task Book for
that certification level.
HOW TO EVALUATE PERFORMANCE:
Each JPR has one corresponding box to the right in which to confirm a candidate’s success. The evaluator shall indicate successful passing by the candidate of each JPR by initialing and dating (see example below).

*A vertical line (|) to the left of the document indicates a change from the previous standard.
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Signature Page

This signature page is a tool for your agency to document completed tasks; completion of the entire Task Book is still required (if not utilizing Task Performance Evaluations). The signature page and documentation should be kept on file at your agency. Please **do not** submit the Task Book or signature page to Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

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Prior to becoming certified in this position, the sample candidate must successfully complete the following Job Performance Requirements (JPR). The evaluator shall initial and date the appropriate box to indicate successful completion. For each JPR there are requisite knowledge and skill requirements. The evaluator must initial and date in the box provided to indicate the meeting of those requirements before the firefighter may proceed.

4.1 General.
Prior to operating fire department vehicles, the fire apparatus driver/operator shall meet the job performance requirements defined in Sections 4.2 and 4.3.

4.2 Preventive Maintenance.

4.2.1* Perform routine tests, inspections, and servicing functions on the systems and components specified in the following list, given a fire department vehicle, its manufacturer’s specifications, and policies and procedures of the jurisdiction, so that the operational status of the vehicle is verified:

1) Battery(ies)
2) Braking system
3) Coolant system
4) Electrical system
5) Fuel
6) Hydraulic fluids
7) Oil
8) Tires
9) Steering system
10) Belts
11) Tools, appliances, and equipment

(A) Requisite Knowledge. Manufacturer specifications and requirements, policies, and procedures of the jurisdiction.

(B) Requisite Skills. The ability to use hand tools, recognize system problems, and correct any deficiency noted according to policies and procedures.
4.2.2 Document the routine tests, inspections, and servicing functions, given maintenance and inspection forms, so that all items are checked for operation and deficiencies are reported.

(A) **Requisite Knowledge.** Departmental requirements for documenting maintenance performed and the importance of keeping accurate records.

(B) **Requisite Skills.** The ability to use tools and equipment and complete all related departmental forms.

4.3 Driving/Operating.

4.3.1* Operate a fire apparatus, given a vehicle and a predetermined route on a public way that incorporates the maneuvers and features that the driver/operator is expected to encounter during normal operations, so that the vehicle is operated in compliance with all applicable state and local laws and departmental rules and regulations.

(A) **Requisite Knowledge.** The importance of donning passenger restraint devices and ensuring crew safety; the common causes of fire apparatus accidents and the recognition that drivers of fire apparatus are responsible for the safe and prudent operation of the vehicle under all conditions; the effects on vehicle control of liquid surge, braking reaction time, and load factors; effects of high center of gravity on roll-over potential, general steering reactions, speed, and centrifugal force; applicable laws and regulations; principles of skid avoidance, night driving, shifting, and gear patterns; negotiating intersections, railroad crossings, and bridges; weight and height limitations for both roads and bridges; identification and operation of automotive gauges; and operational limits.

(B) **Requisite Skills.** The ability to operate passenger restraint devices; maintain safe following distances; maintain control of the vehicle while accelerating, decelerating, and turning, given road, weather, and traffic conditions; operate under adverse environmental or driving surface conditions; and use automotive gauges and controls.
4.3.2* Back a vehicle from a roadway into restricted spaces on both the right and left sides of the vehicle, given a fire department vehicle, a spotter, and restricted spaces 3.7 m (12 ft) in width, requiring 90-degree right-hand and left-hand turns from the roadway, so that the vehicle is parked within the restricted areas without having to stop and pull forward and without striking obstructions.

(A) Requisite Knowledge. Vehicle dimensions, turning characteristics, spotter signaling, and principles of safe vehicle operation.

(B) Requisite Skills. The ability to use mirrors and judge vehicle clearance.
4.3.3* Maneuver a vehicle around obstructions on a roadway while moving forward and in reverse, given a fire department vehicle, a spotter for backing, and a roadway with obstructions, so that the vehicle is maneuvered through the obstructions without stopping to change the direction of travel and without striking the obstructions.

(A) Requisite Knowledge. Vehicle dimensions, turning characteristics, the effects of liquid surge, spotter signaling, and principles of safe vehicle operation.

(B) Requisite Skills. The ability to use mirrors and judge vehicle clearance.
4.3.4* Turn a fire department vehicle 180 degrees within a confined space, given a fire department vehicle, a spotter for backing up, and an area in which the vehicle cannot perform a U-turn without stopping and backing up, so that the vehicle is turned 180 degrees without striking obstructions within the given space.

FIGURE A.4.3.4
Confined Space Turnaround.

(A) **Requisite Knowledge.** Vehicle dimensions, turning characteristics, the effects of liquid surge, spotter signaling, and principles of safe vehicle operation.

(B) **Requisite Skills.** The ability to use mirrors and judge vehicle clearance.
4.3.5* Maneuver a fire department vehicle in areas with restricted horizontal and vertical clearances, given a fire department vehicle and a course that requires the operator to move through areas of restricted horizontal and vertical clearances, so that the operator accurately judges the ability of the vehicle to pass through the openings and so that no obstructions are struck.

![Diminishing Clearance Exercise](image)

- **Fig. A.4.3.5**
  - Diminishing Clearance Exercise.

(A) **Requisite Knowledge.** Vehicle dimensions, turning characteristics, the effects of liquid surge, spotter signaling, and principles of safe vehicle operation.

(B) **Requisite Skills.** The ability to use mirrors and judge vehicle clearance.

4.3.6* Operate a vehicle using defensive driving techniques, given an assignment and a fire apparatus, so that control of the vehicle is maintained.

(A) **Requisite Knowledge.** The importance of donning passenger restraint devices and ensuring crew safety; the common causes of fire apparatus accidents and the recognition that drivers of fire apparatus are responsible for the safe and prudent operation of the vehicle under all conditions; the effects on vehicle control of liquid surge, braking reaction time, and load factors; the effects of high center of gravity on rollover potential, general steering reactions, speed, and centrifugal force; applicable laws and regulations; principles of skid avoidance, night driving, shifting, gear patterns and automatic braking systems in wet and dry conditions; negotiation of intersections, railroad crossings, and bridges; weight and height limitations for both roads and bridges; identification and operation of automotive gauges; and operational limits.
(B) Requisite Skills. The ability to operate passenger restraint devices; maintain safe following distances; maintain control of the vehicle while accelerating, decelerating, and turning, given road, weather, and traffic conditions; operate under adverse environmental or driving surface conditions; and use automotive gauges and controls.

4.3.7* Operate all fixed systems and equipment on the vehicle not specifically addressed elsewhere in this standard, given systems and equipment, manufacturer’s specifications and instructions, and departmental policies and procedures for the systems and equipment, so that each system or piece of equipment is operated in accordance with the applicable instructions and policies.

(A) Requisite Knowledge. Manufacturer’s specifications and operating procedures, and policies and procedures of the jurisdiction.

(B) Requisite Skills. The ability to deploy, energize, and monitor the system or equipment and to recognize and correct system problems.

10.1* General. The job performance requirements defined in Sections 10.1 and 10.2 shall be met prior to qualifying as a fire department driver/operator — mobile water supply apparatus.

10.1.1 Perform visual and operational checks on the systems and components specified in the following list, in addition to those specified in 4.2.1, given a fire department mobile water supply apparatus, and policies and procedures of the jurisdiction, so that the operational readiness of the mobile water supply apparatus is verified:

1) Water tank and other extinguishing agent levels (if applicable)
2) Pumping system (if applicable)
3) Rapid dump system (if applicable)
4) Foam system (if applicable)

(A) Requisite Knowledge. Manufacturer’s specifications and requirements, and policies and procedures of the jurisdiction.

(B) Requisite Skills. The ability to use hand tools, recognize system problems, and correct any deficiency noted according to policies and procedures.
10.2 Operations.

10.2.1* Maneuver and position a mobile water supply apparatus at a water shuttle fill site, given a fill site location and one or more supply hose, so that the apparatus is positioned, supply hose are attached to the intake connections without having to stretch additional hose, and no objects are struck at the fill site.

(A) Requisite Knowledge.  Local procedures for establishing a water shuttle fill site, method for marking the stopping position of the apparatus, and location of the water tank intakes on the apparatus.

(B) Requisite Skills.  The ability to determine a correct position for the apparatus, maneuver apparatus into that position, and avoid obstacles to operations.

10.2.2* Maneuver and position a mobile water supply apparatus at a water shuttle dump site, given a dump site and a portable water tank, so that all of the water being discharged from the apparatus enters the portable tank and no objects are struck at the dump site.

(A) Requisite Knowledge.  Local procedures for operating a water shuttle dump site and location of the water tank discharges on the apparatus.

(B) Requisite Skills.  The ability to determine a correct position for the apparatus, maneuver apparatus into that position, avoid obstacles to operations, and operate the fire pump or rapid water dump system.

10.2.3* Establish a water shuttle dump site, given two or more portable water tanks, low-level strainers, water transfer equipment, fire hose, and a fire apparatus equipped with a fire pump, so that the tank being drafted from is kept full at all times, the tank being dumped into is emptied first, and the water is transferred from one tank to the next.

(A) Requisite Knowledge.  Local procedures for establishing a water shuttle dump site and principles of water transfer between multiple portable water tanks.

(B) Requisite Skills.  The ability to deploy portable water tanks, connect and operate water transfer equipment, and connect a strainer and suction hose to the fire pump.