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NFPA 1072

Hazardous Materials/WMD

NFPA1072 Standard for Hazardous Materials/
Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency
Response Personnel Professional Qualifications
Guide to Certification

*The following information contains excerpts from NFPA
1072. The DPSST Fire Certification Program has
provided an overview for the applicant to use in
conjunction with the application process.*

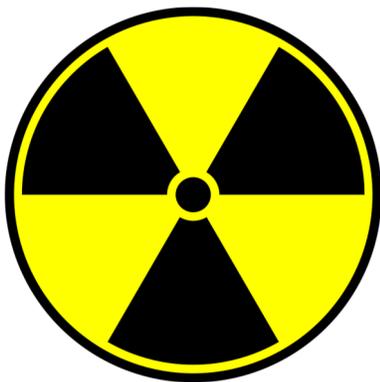
NFPA 1006 HazMat Task Force Information

In the year 2017, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) introduced the Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications into the 1000 series for the first time, assigning standard number 1072 to its new title. Previously, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) adopted the 2008 version of NFPA 472 Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents as the standard for which certifications were attained.

On June 2, 2017 DPSST hosted this Task Force to discuss the currently adopted NFPA 472 and the newly created NFPA 1072. It was the purpose of the Task Force to evaluate and determine what the impact would be on the Oregon fire service if the new standard was adopted into Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) and what would occur to those who are certified under the previous 472 standard. After thoughtful discussion, the Task Force recommended to the Fire Policy Committee (FPC) and the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (Board) to adopt NFPA 1072.

Explanation of NFPA 1072 HazMat Updates

The NFPA updates are significant and will have a certification impact to those who currently hold the NFPA 472 levels of certification. It was recommended by staff and supported by the Task Force to allow those who currently hold certifications within the NFPA 472 standard be permitted to retain NFPA Hazardous Materials Safety Officer, Tank Car Specialty, Cargo Tank Specialty, Intermodal Tank Specialty, and Marine Tank Specialty until the end of the Maintenance Re-Certification Cycle at which point they will lapse. All individuals who are certified as an NFPA Operations Level Responder will retain this level of certification and will be seen as the equivalent to holding NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness, NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations, and NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations Mission-Specific. Those who hold NFPA Hazardous Materials Technician and NFPA Hazardous Materials Incident Commander under NFPA 472 will retain these levels of certification as well. No new certifications will be issued to these individuals.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will there be a “Historical Recognition” period?

A: Yes. The Task Force and DPSST have determined that those certified in many levels of NFPA 472 will be seen as the equivalent to the currently adopted levels of certification within NFPA 1072. No new certifications will be issued to those that hold NFPA 472 certifications. Please see the equivalency chart on page 4 for further information on how NFPA 472 certifications transfer to the NFPA 1072 standard.

How will this appear on my Maintenance Re-Certification Forms/SnapShot?

A: Maintenance Re-Certification Forms/SnapShot records will continue to show certifications awarded at the time. Please see page 2 for additional information on NFPA 472 and NFPA 1072 levels of certification and their equivalencies.

Q: Will there be any changes to the task book?

A: Yes. Previously, many levels of the NFPA 472 standard did not have task books, but rather lengthy task sheets that were often difficult to accomplish. The newly adopted NFPA 1072 standard will now have task books that are in line with task books for other levels of DPSST certifications. For further information on Task Books, DPSST staff in conjunction with the NFPA HazMat Task Force have created a Task Book section of this guide.



NFPA HazMat Certification Equivalency Chart

NFPA 472 2008 Edition	NFPA 1072 2017 Edition
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NFPA Operations Level Responder	NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness
	NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations
	NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations Mission-Specific
NFPA Hazardous Materials Incident Commander	NFPA Hazardous Materials Incident Commander
NFPA Hazardous Materials Technician	NFPA Hazardous Materials Technician
NFPA Hazardous Materials Safety Officer	N/A
Chapter 12 Tank Car Specialty	N/A
Chapter 13 Cargo Tank Specialty	N/A
Chapter 14 Intermodal Tank Specialty	N/A
Chapter 15 Marine Tank Specialty	N/A

Revised Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR)

NOTE TO READER: Excerpts are specific to OAR for NFPA Hazardous Materials, therefore the numbering system will appear out of sync. These revised changes were reviewed by the Task Force, the Fire Policy Committee (FPC) and approved by the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (Board). The proposed changes went through the public comment period from January 1st through 21st and approved as permanent on February 1, 2017.

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(48) “NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness” means personnel who, in the course of their normal duties, could encounter an emergency involving hazardous materials/weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and who are expected to recognize the presence of the hazardous material/WMD, protect themselves, call for trained personnel, and secure the scene.

(49) “NFPA Hazardous Materials Incident Commander” means a person who is responsible for all incident activities, including the development of strategies and tactics and the ordering and release of resources.

(50) “NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations” means a person who responds to hazardous materials or WMD incidents for the purpose of implementing or supporting actions to protect nearby persons, the environment, or property from the effects of the release.

(51) “NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations Mission-Specific” means responders assigned mission-specific responsibilities at hazardous materials/WMD incidents.

(52) “NFPA Hazardous Materials Technician” means a person who responds to hazardous materials or WMD incidents using a risk-based response process where they analyze a problem involving hazardous materials or WMD, select applicable decontamination procedures, and control a release using specialized protective and control equipment.



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(dd) The provisions of the NFPA Standard 1072, 2017 Edition, entitled “Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications” are adopted subject to the following definitions and modifications:

(A) For certification in NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness, the candidate must complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 4.2 through 4.4.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a task performance evaluation or a Department-approved task book for the NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness.

(ii) The evaluation or task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(B) For certification in NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations, the candidate must be certified in NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness and complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 5.2 through 5.6.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a task performance evaluation or a Department-approved task book for the NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations.

(ii) The evaluation or task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(C) For certification in NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations Mission-Specific, the candidate must be certified in NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness and NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations, and complete the job performance requirements defined in section 6.1.5.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a task performance evaluation or a Department-approved task book for the NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations Mission-Specific.

(ii) The evaluation or task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(D) For certification in NFPA Hazardous Materials Technician, the candidate must be certified in NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness and NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations, and complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 7.2 through 7.6.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a task performance evaluation or a Department-approved task book for the NFPA Hazardous Materials Technician.

(ii) The evaluation or task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(E) For certification in NFPA Hazardous Incident Commander, the candidate must be certified in NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness and NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations, and complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 8.2 through 8.6.

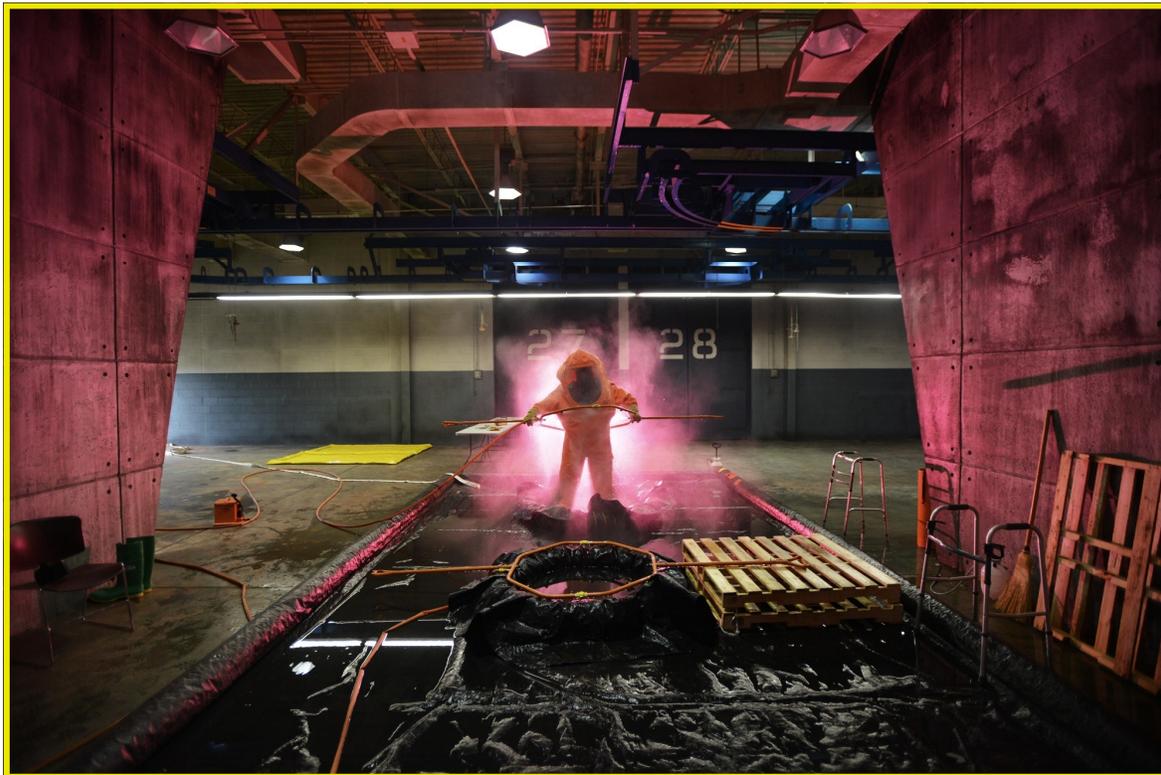
(i) All applicants for certification must complete a task performance evaluation or a Department-approved task book for the NFPA Hazardous Incident Commander.

(ii) The evaluation or task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(F) Historical Recognition of NFPA 472 Certifications.

(i) Effective February 1, 2018, no new certifications will be issued for NFPA 472 Operations Level Responder. Any person who holds a Department-issued NFPA Operations Level Responder certification may keep the certification active by completing the certification maintenance requirements. Any person who holds an active Department-issued NFPA Operations Level Responder certification will be recognized as equivalent to holding NFPA 1072 certifications in Hazardous Materials Awareness, Hazardous Materials Operations and Hazardous Materials Operations Mission-Specific.

(ii) Effective February 1, 2018, no new certifications will be issued for the following NFPA 472 certifications: Hazardous Materials Safety Officer; Tank Car Specialty; Cargo Tank Specialty; Intermodal Tank Specialty; and Marine Tank Vessel Specialty. All currently active certifications for these Department-issued NFPA 472 certifications will lapse after December 31, 2018.

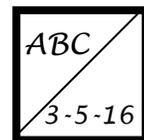
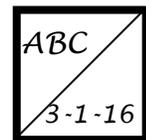


Task Book Information

Each Task Book lists the Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) for the specific certification level in a format that allows a candidate to be trained and **evaluated during one (1) to three (3) sequential sessions, depending on the number of boxes corresponding to each JPR.** 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 who is actively certified in the specialty in which they are signing off. 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.

JPR Evaluation Example

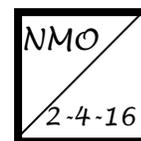
4.2.2 Document the routine tests, inspections, and servicing functions, given maintenance and inspection forms, so that all items are checked for operation and deficiencies are reported.



These skills are the job performance evaluations intended to be completed after the Requisite Knowledge and Requisite Skills have been successfully finished. This section should be accomplished during three separate dates at the firefighter's home department or, if no one at the home department is certified to sign off on the skills, at a neighboring department.

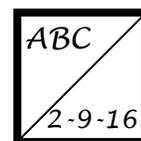


(A) Requisite Knowledge. Departmental requirements for documenting maintenance performed and the importance of keeping accurate records.



The Requisite Knowledge portions of the task book may be done during class and signed off by the instructor. Requisite Knowledge are the only JPR's that are intended to be signed off in class.

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



Requisite Skills are intended to be completed at the firefighter's home department or, if no one at the home department is certified to sign off on the skills, at a neighboring department.