



BALTIMORE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE ACADEMY BASIC FIREFIGHTER SKILLS



VERTICAL VENTILATION (Skill Card 1 of 8)

Last name _____ C# _____ Attempt _____ Date _____

This assessment is to be performed in a continuous manner wearing complete PPE/SCBA

The maximum time limit for this skill is ten (10) minutes. The time begins when the candidate first touches the roof ladder, and stops when the ventilation hole is punched and cleared through with an appropriate FF tool.

Any skills not performed requires documentation from the evaluator.

Instructors or field personnel are only to intervene when safety issues arise.

Candidates are not to ask questions or for assistance once time begins.

If the maximum time limit has been reached before the skill is completed, the skill will be terminated and a not performed is checked with supporting documentation.

SKILL	PERFORMED	Evaluator Comments
Candidate shall safely deploy the 28' extension ladder to the designated area of the roof prop with their silent partners assistance.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall deploy hooks on roof ladder.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall safely take roof ladder up ground ladder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall perform a leg lock on the ground ladder at the base of the roof.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall safely place roof ladder on roof.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall ensure hooks are secure in the slot (Tug on the ladder)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall safely start the saw on the ground prior to cutting the roof. Candidate shall safely stop and turn off the saw.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall carry the saw & the hook up exterior steps to the third-floor roof prop.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall properly don their mask, and go on air before climbing the ladder onto the roof prop.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall use a hand tool to sound the roof prior to transitioning from the ground ladder to the roof ladder.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall request permission to ventilate from the IC on their portable radio.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall safely start the saw on the roof.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall demonstrate control of the saw while cutting a three-sided inspection hole with overlapping cuts.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall "punch through" with the hook to simulate breaching the ceiling below the area they cut.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall report roof conditions to the IC on their portable radio.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall complete all tasks in safe and effective manner within the 10-minute time limit.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
16 Total possible points, 11 are required to pass. Grey items must be performed.	Total Points	

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BUDDY BREATHING SKILL CARD (Skill Card 2 of 8)

Last name _____ C# _____ Attempt _____ Date _____

Instructor will provide assignment and equipment. The candidates will be required to perform this skill with obscured vision.

There is a **five (5) minute** maximum time limit for the Buddy Breathing skill. The time begins after the candidate locates the victim on the first floor. **The victim (mannequin) is not to be removed from the building.** The time ends when the last candidate exits the doorway.

Any skills not performed requires documentation from the evaluator.

Instructors or field personnel are only to intervene when safety issues arise.

Candidates are not to ask questions or for assistance once time begins.

If the maximum time limit has been reached before the skill is completed, the skill will be terminated and a not performed is checked with supporting documentation.

SKILLS	PERFORMED	Evaluator Comments
Candidate communicated pertinent information with partner.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate initiated a right-hand search.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate remained low, sounding the floor to ensure it was safe to operate.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate remained oriented to their search pattern.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate communicated effectively with their partner.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate found a victim on the first floor.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate initiates MAYDAY.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate performs LUNAR.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate successfully performed buddy breathing as the receiver in zero visibility.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate successfully performed buddy breathing as the supplier in zero visibility.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate was able to crawl as the leader/supplier while buddy breathing.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate was able to crawl as the partner/receiver while buddy breathing without disconnecting or stressing the whip.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate in full PPE/SCBA and on air throughout entire exercise.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
14 Total possible points, 11 are required to pass. Grey items must be performed.	Total Points	

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HOSELINE ADVANCMENT AND NOZZLE (Skills Card 3 of 8)

Last name _____ C# _____ Attempt _____ Date _____

There is a 10-minute time limit for this skill starting when the hose is touched for deployment and ends when the nozzle bale is fully opened on the simulated fire.

A charged hose line (nozzle and hose) will be advanced to the second floor bedroom with the balcony in order to simulate attacking a bedroom fire.

Any skills not performed requires documentation from the evaluator.

Instructors or field personnel are only to intervene when safety issues arise.

Candidates are not to ask questions or for assistance once time begins.

If the maximum time limit has been reached before the skill is completed, the skill will be terminated and a not performed is checked with supporting documentation.

SKILL	PERFORMED	Evaluator Comments
Candidate communicated their intentions with the back-up firefighter.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate successfully deployed the entire handline from the bed and flaked it out without the assistance from the back-up firefighter.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate requested line be charged. (Visual or verbal)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall bleed off hand line prior to entry.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall check nozzle pattern prior to entry.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate stayed low while advancing the handline with the back-up firefighter.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate moved <u>safely</u> on the stairs while advancing the handline.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate checked the door for heat prior to entry on the second floor with a gloved hand.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate's handline was fully advanced to the proper position to effectively extinguish the fire.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate checked for victims prior to opening the nozzle (Should also verbalize)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall advise the instructor of which style attack they will perform (direct, indirect or combination attack) then properly demonstrate.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate shall communicate with the IC using their portable radio that they have "Water on the Fire" or "Fires Knocked, Checking for Extension"	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate did not get caught between line, corners, walls, objects, etc.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate effectively advances and controls hand line from start (removal from bed of engine) until exiting structure.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate in full PPE/ SCBA throughout entire exercise, on air prior to entry into building.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
15 Total possible points, 12 are required to pass. <u>Grey items must be performed</u>	Total Points	

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HYDRANT HOOK UP SKILLS CARD (Skill Card 4 of 8)

Last name _____ C# _____ Attempt _____ Date _____

Time begins when candidate first touches the humat. Time ends upon the hydrant being fully opened and the candidate letting go of the hydrant wrench. The maximum time for this skill is 5 minutes.

Full PPE and SCBA will be required when performing this skill, all skills will be performed in a safe and effective manner.

Any skills not performed requires documentation from the evaluator.

Instructors or field personnel are only to intervene when safety issues arise.

Candidates are not to ask questions or for assistance once time begins.

If the maximum time limit has been reached before the skill is completed, the skill will be terminated and a not performed is checked with supporting documentation.

SKILL	PERFORMED	Evaluator Comments
Candidate safely wrapped LDH around hydrant ensuring humat overlaps hose.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate signals FADO to drive away. (Visual or Verbal)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate stands a minimum of 6' away from the hydrant, in a position opposite the engine's direction of travel.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate visually checks for debris, & verbally confirms. Checks all caps for tightness.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate connects the humat along with a ball valve.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate waited for signal from FADO to charge LDH. (Visual or Verbal)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate opens the hydrant slowly and safely to allow water to flow through the butterfly valve exiting the front of the humat.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate closes butterfly handle slowly to charge LDH hose.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate opened the hydrant completely.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate completed skill wearing complete PPE and SCBA	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
10 Total possible points, 8 are required to pass. <u>Grey items must be performed.</u>	Total Points	

Candidate _____ Evaluator _____



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LADDER THROWS AND CLIMBS- HEEL PERSON (Skill Card 5 of 8)

Last name _____ C# _____ Attempt _____ Date _____

While part of a 2-person team, given an appropriate ground ladder you will demonstrate the ability to carry, raise, and extend the ladder to a third-floor window.

Area between bolded lines must be completed in no more than 5 minutes.

Time will start when you touch the ladder to move as part of a 2-firefighter carry, time will stop when the halyard is tied off appropriately.

Full PPE and SCBA will be required when performing this skill, all skills will be performed in a safe and effective manner.

Any skills not performed requires documentation from the evaluator.

Instructors or field personnel are only to intervene when safety issues arise.

Candidates are not to ask questions or for assistance once time begins.

If the maximum time limit has been reached before the skill is completed, the skill will be terminated and a not performed is checked with supporting documentation.

SKILL	PERFORMED	Evaluator Comments
Candidate used a 2 firefighter carry to move the ladder as a team.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate provided directions/ commands to their partner for ladder movement	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate will assess for overhead hazards, structural integrity, and ground stability.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate safely heels ladder while it is being raised. (Beam or flat)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate verbalized to partner to check climbing angle of ladder.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate ties halyard using a clove hitch and an over hand safety knot.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate safely heels ladder while partner ascends and descends.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate safely retracted the fly of the ladder.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate safely heels the ladder while it is lowered.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate used a 2 firefighter carry to move the ladder as a team.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate performed tasks in a safe and effective manner.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
11 Total possible points, 9 are required to pass. <u>Grey items must be performed.</u>	Total Points	

Candidate _____ Evaluator _____



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LADDER THROWS AND CLIMBS- TIP PERSON (Skill Card 6 of 8)

Last name _____ C# _____ Attempt _____ Date _____

While part of a 2-person team, given an appropriate hand-tool you will demonstrate the ability to climb a ground ladder with a hand-tool and initiate VEIS.

Area between bolded lines must be completed in no more than 5 minutes.

Time will start when you touch the ladder to climb safely with a hand-tool, time will stop when you dismount the ladder.

Full PPE and SCBA will be required when performing this skill, all skills will be performed in a safe and effective manner.

Any skills not performed requires documentation from the evaluator.

Instructors or field personnel are only to intervene when safety issues arise.

Candidates are not to ask questions or for assistance once time begins.

If the maximum time limit has been reached before the skill is completed, the skill will be terminated and a not performed is checked with supporting documentation.

SKILL	PERFORMED	Evaluator Comments
Candidate used a 2 firefighter carry to move the ladder as a team.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate safely raises the ladder. (Beam or Flat)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate correctly judges extension ladder height requirement.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate verbalizes that the dogs are locked/fully engaged on the fly section.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate checks the correct climbing angle.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate safely climbs the ladder with a hand-tool.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate correctly/ safely performs a leg lock and demonstrates from which side they will work.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate safely goes on air prior to entering the window.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate communicates with the IC and advises them that they are going to VEIS.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate safely sweeps and sounds the floor.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate safely transitions through the window off of the ladder.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate immediately closes the door to the compartment they are occupying.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate properly performs VEIS.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate safely transitions out the window and onto the ladder.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate safely descends the ladder with hand-tool.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate safely lowers and returns the ladder to the starting position.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
All tasks performed in a safe and effective manner.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
17 total possible points, 15 are required to pass. Grey items must be performed.	Total Points	

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ROPES AND KNOTS (Skill Card 7 of 8)

Last name _____ C# _____ Attempt _____ Date _____

This skill card is performed with a minimum of a helmet, fire suppression gloves, turnout pants and eye protection.

Section 1: Candidate shall have **two (2) attempts** to correctly tie each knot, both ends of the rope will be available, and the candidate will be allowed **two (2) minutes for each attempt**.

Section 2: Candidate must complete **all three (3) items within ten (10) minutes**. The knots must be tied in the middle of the rope as neither end of the rope will be available. Candidate shall have **two (2) attempts**.

Any skills not performed requires documentation from the evaluator.

Instructors or field personnel are only to intervene when safety issues arise.

Candidates are not to ask questions or for assistance once time begins.

If the maximum time limit has been reached before the skill is completed, the skill will be terminated and a not performed is checked with supporting documentation.

Section 1 - Knots	1 st Attempt	2 nd Attempt	Not Performed	Evaluator Comments
Clove Hitch	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Safety Knot	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Figure 8	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Figure 8 on a bight	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Figure 8 follow through	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Half Hitch	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Becket Bend	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Section 2 - Items for Hoisting			Not performed or Item fell	
Flat Head Axe	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Charged Hose line	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ladder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10 Total possible points, 8 are required to pass. <u>Grey items must be performed.</u>			Total Points	

Candidate _____ Evaluator _____



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PPE AND SCBA (Skill Card 8 of 8)

Last name _____ C# _____ Attempt _____ Date _____

The candidate will have two (2) minutes to complete this skill.

Any skills not performed requires documentation from the evaluator.

Instructors or field personnel are only to intervene when safety issues arise.

Candidates are not to ask questions or for assistance once time begins.

If the maximum time limit has been reached before the skill is completed, the skill will be terminated and a not performed is checked with supporting documentation.

SKILL	PERFORMED	Evaluator
Dons protective hood	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dons boots/trousers with all fasteners secured	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dons coat with all fasteners secured	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks pressure in cylinder	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dons SCBA correctly	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Fastens and tightens all SCBA straps	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Properly dons face piece and checks for seal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Pulls hood over face piece bonnet/straps, ensures proper seal around face piece	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dons helmet with ear flaps down, chin strap secure	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dons gloves	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Properly mounts regulator to face piece	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Cylinder valve is fully open	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dons full PPE, SCBA, and is on air within <u>2-minutes</u>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Demonstrates procedure for properly disconnecting the regulator from the face piece with a gloved hand.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
14 Total possible points, 14 are required to pass. <u>Grey items must be performed.</u>	Total Points	

Candidate _____ Evaluator _____