



## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### REPLACE SCBA CYLINDER

Skill Number: BA2

Objective: 4.3.1

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be given a self-contained breathing apparatus and a replacement cylinder.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given an SCBA and an additional cylinder shall successfully replace the cylinder on the SCBA.

1. Closes the cylinder valve on the expended air cylinder.
2. Releases the air pressure on the high-pressure hose (breathing down the regulator or by opening the mainline or bypass valve, according to the type of breathing apparatus).
3. Disconnects the high-pressure hose coupling from the cylinder.
4. Lays the hose coupling directly in line with the cylinder outlet.
5. Avoids contaminating the coupling by laying it in debris or dirt.
6. Releases the cylinder clamp and removes the empty cylinder.
7. Places the full cylinder into the backpack in the correct position and locks into place.
8. Checks the cylinder valve opening and the high-pressure hose fitting for debris and the condition of the O-ring and corrects as necessary.
9. Connects the high-pressure hose to the cylinder.
10. Opens the cylinder valve and check gauges.

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### SCBA REFILL PROCEDURES

Skill Number: BA9

Objective: 4.3.1

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be given a self-contained breathing apparatus.
2. The VSF Candidates will be given access to a cascade or compressor system for refilling SCBA Cylinders.
3. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!**

Fill an SCBA Cylinder properly using a cascade or compressor system.

1. Places cylinder in shielded charging sleeve and/or protective fill station.
2. Connects fill line to cylinder and closes bleeder valve.
3. Opens SCBA cylinder valve and fills line valve.

#### **CASCADE SYSTEM**

4. Opens cascade cylinder with the lowest pressure and begins filling.
5. Fills cylinder until pressure is equalized, then closes cascade valve, fills cylinder slowly to avoid excessive heat buildup.
6. If cylinder is not full, continues to the next cascade cylinder.
7. Repeats steps #4 through #6 until cylinder is full.

#### **COMPRESSOR**

4. Turns on compressor.
5. Sets the fill regulator to capacity (pressure) of cylinder being filled.
6. Opens fill station valve and begins filling cylinder.
7. Closes fill station valve and turns off compressor when cylinder is full

#### **COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TASKS**

8. Closes the SCBA cylinder valve when filled to recommended capacity.
9. Closes all fill valves and releases pressure from fill line.
10. Disconnects charging hose from cylinder.
11. Replaces cylinder in harness assembly.
12. Checks high pressure "O" ring and makes the connection to SCBA.
13. Documents refilling cylinder on appropriate form.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



Skill Number: CM1 RECEIVING EMERGENCY CALLS BY PHONE Objective: 4.2.2

### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidate shall be provided with a telephone and material for taking notes.
2. The Evaluator shall portray the person making the emergency call.
3. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

**Successfully demonstrate receiving a report of a fire or emergency situation from the public (telephone) and initiate appropriate action.**

1. Identifies himself/herself, speaks clearly, slowly and with good volume.
2. Records the time of the call.
3. Records the type and address of the incident, cross streets, building name, nearby landmarks.
4. Records the caller's name and call back number.
5. Asks questions for additional information, number and location of people involved.
6. Hangs up after getting all pertinent information from the caller.
7. Initiates the appropriate response based on the department's SOP/SOG.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



Skill Number: CM2 RECEIVING BUSINESS/PERSONAL CALLS Objective: 4.2.1

### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidate shall be provided with a telephone and material for taking notes.
2. The Evaluator shall portray the person making the emergency call.
3. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Successfully demonstrate receiving a business or personal telephone call from the public.

1. Answers calls promptly, is concise, and polite.
2. Is pleasant, identifies self.
3. Records the time of the call, date, name of caller,
4. Records who the call is for and take any messages.
5. Records the caller's name and call back number.
6. Asks questions for additional information.
7. Ends calls courteously after getting all pertinent information from the caller.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



Skill Number: CM3 OPERATE RADIO EQUIPMENT Objective: 4.2.3

### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidate shall be provided with a mobile or portable radio.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VSF CANDIDATE!**

Successfully demonstrate the use of mobile and portable radio equipment for routine or emergency traffic.

1. Turns on the power.
2. Sets the radio/portable to the correct channel.
3. Adjusts the volume.
4. Adjusts the squelch (if radio/portable is so equipped)
5. Listens to be sure the channel is not being used, keys the mic about a second before speaking (expect a minor time delay between transmitting and receiving when operating on a digital radio system)
6. Performs radio check, holding the microphone/portable radio one to two inches from the mouth.
7. Returns microphone to holder without laying microphone on the seat.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### ACCORDIAN HOSE LOAD

Skill Number: HN5

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with 2½" or 3" fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a hose bed or hose bed prop.
3. The VSF Candidates shall be informed by the evaluator whether the load shall be a forward or reverse lay.
4. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given 2½" or 3" fire hose, shall successfully demonstrate an accordion hose load.

FORWARD LAY	REVERSE LAY
1. Starting with the male end, lays the hose on the edge against the side of the hose bed from the open end to the closed end of the hose bed.	1. Starting with the female end, lays the hose on the edge against the side of the hose bed from the open end to the closed end of the hose bed.
2. At the closed end of the hose bed, folds the hose back on itself and lays it back to the open end of the hose bed.	2. At the closed end of the hose bed, folds the hose back on itself and lays it back to the open end of the hose bed.
3. Continues laying the hose to the front and rear of the hose bed but staggers the folds so that every other bend is approximately 2 inches inside adjacent bends.	3. Continues laying the hose to the front and rear of the hose bed but staggers the folds so that every other bend is approximately 2 inches inside adjacent bends.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### HORSEHOO HOSE LOAD

Skill Number: HN6

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with 2½" or 3" fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a hose bed or hose bed prop.
3. The VSF Candidates shall be informed by the evaluator whether the load shall be a forward or reverse lay.
4. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given 2½" or 3" fire hose, shall successfully demonstrate a horseshoe hose load.

FORWARD LAY	REVERSE LAY
1 Starting with the male coupling, lays the hose on the edge against the side of the hose bed from the open end to the closed end of the hose bed.	1. Starting with the female coupling, lays the hose on the edge against the side of the hose bed from the open end to the closed end of the hose bed.
2. At the closed end of the hose bed, bends the hose and brings it around the closed end of the hose bed to the other side.	2. At the closed end of the hose bed, bends the hose and brings it around the closed end of the hose bed to the other side.
3. At the side of the hose bed, bends the hose and lays the hose on the edge against the side to the open end of the hose bed so that the hose is along the perimeter of the hose bed.	3. At the side of the hose bed, bends the hose and lays the hose on the edge against the side to the open end of the hose bed so that the hose is along the perimeter of the hose bed.
4. Bends the hose back on itself to reverse the procedure.	4. Bends the hose back on itself to reverse the procedure.
5. Staggers the folds at the open end of the hose bed so that every other bend is approximately 2-inches inside adjacent bends.	5. Staggers the folds at the open end of the hose bed so that every other bend is approximately 2-inches inside adjacent bends.
6. Continues laying the hose in this manner with each successive lay inside the other.	6. Continues laying the hose in this manner with each successive lay inside the other.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### FLAT HOSE LOAD

Skill Number: HN7

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with 2½" or 3" fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a hose bed or hose bed prop.
3. The VSF Candidates shall be informed by the evaluator whether the load shall be a forward or reverse lay.
4. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given 2½" or 3" fire hose, shall successfully demonstrate a flat hose load.

FORWARD LAY	REVERSE LAY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Starting with the male coupling, lays the hose flat and against the side of the hose bed from the open to closed end of the hose bed.</li><li>2. At the closed end of the hose bed, lays the hose back and on top of itself and back to the open end.</li><li>3. At the open end of the hose bed, folds the hose back on and on top of itself but angle it so that it runs adjacent to the previous lay.</li><li>4. Continues to lay the hose in folds progressively across the bed to complete the load.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Starting with the female coupling, lays the hose on the edge against the side of the hose bed from the open end to the closed end of the hose bed.</li><li>2. At the closed end of the hose bed, bends the hose and brings it around the closed end of the hose bed to the other side.</li><li>3. At the open end of the hose bed, folds the hose back on and on top of itself but angle it so that it runs adjacent to the previous lay.</li><li>4. Continues to lay the hose in folds progressively across the bed to complete the load.</li></ol>

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### DONUT HOSE ROLL

Skill Number: HN8

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given the fire hose provided, shall successfully demonstrate a donut hose roll.

#### METHOD ONE

1. Lays the hose out flat in a straight line.
2. Positions him/herself approximately 5 feet off center of the hose toward the male coupling.
3. Starts the roll by rolling the hose on top of itself.
4. Rolls toward the female coupling.
5. Completes the roll by covering the male coupling with the hose so that the female coupling is exposed.

#### METHOD TWO

1. Lays the hose out so that the hose is folded at the center and both ends of the hose lay flat and parallel with each other.
2. Facing the couplings, starts the roll on the male coupling side about 2-1/2' from the bend.
3. Starts the roll by rolling the hose on top of itself.
4. Rolls toward the male coupling.
5. Completes the roll by covering the male coupling.

#### METHOD THREE

1. Lays the hose out so that the hose is folded on top of itself with the male coupling on top, about three feet short of the female coupling.
2. Starting at the fold, rolls the hose toward the couplings.
3. A partner can assist in guiding the hose and adjusting the slack as it is rolled.
4. Completes the roll by covering the male coupling with the hose so that the female coupling is exposed.

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### TWIN DONUT HOSE ROLL

Skill Number: HN9

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given the fire hose provided, shall successfully demonstrate a twin donut hose roll.

1. Lays the hose out flat, folds the hose in half and lays one half beside the other so that the halves are parallel and the couplings are together.
2. Positions him/herself at the end opposite the couplings and facing the couplings.
3. Folds the loop end over and starts rolling the hose toward the couplings.
4. Rolls the two halves simultaneously until roll is complete.
5. Completes the roll by looping a short piece of rope through the roll and ties it off.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### HOSE DRAIN & CARRY

Skill Number: HN10

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given the fire hose provided, shall successfully demonstrate a hose drain and carry.

1. With the hose laid out, picks up either end of the hose and places it over the shoulder with the coupling behind the body at waist height.
2. Holds the hose in front of the body and while walking slowly forward, form a loop that hangs in front of the body.
3. Walks forward guiding the hose back over the same shoulder to form a loop that hangs behind the body.
4. Continues to walk slowly down the hoseline, forming alternating loops in front of and behind the body in the same manner as before until the hose length is retrieved.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



JOIN TWO 2½" LINES INTO ONE

Skill Number: HN11

Objective: 4.3.10

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:**

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a 2½" x 2½" wye, a 2½" x 2½" Siamese and three (3) sections of 2½" or 3" fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!**

Given a variety of adapters and fire hose shall successfully demonstrate joining two 2½" or 3" lines into one (1) and indicate the direction of water flow.

1. Selects a Siamese appliance.
2. Connects two sections of hose (male couplings) to the female Siamese connections.
3. Connects one section of hose (female coupling) to the male Siamese connection.
4. Indicates the direction of water flow (from the two lines toward the single line).

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



CONNECT 2 LINES WITH DAMAGED COUPLINGS

Skill Number: HN13

Objective: 4.3.10

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:**

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with two 2½" hoselines and a hose jacket.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!**

Given a variety of adapters, tools, and fire hose shall successfully demonstrate connecting two hose lines which have damaged couplings.

1. Selects two sections of 2½" hose.
2. Selects a hose jacket.
3. Lays two hose couplings in open hose jacket.
4. Closes hose jacket and secures with foot.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### CLEANING AND INSPECTING FIRE HOSE

Skill Number: HN14

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided fire hose, cleaning supplies, and replacement gaskets, any damage should be noted and corrected.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given fire hose, cleaning supplies, and replacement gaskets shall successfully demonstrate properly cleaning and inspecting the fire hose according to the manufacturer's guidelines.

1. Wears appropriate PPC.

#### CLEAN HOSE

2. Cleans hose using water and scrubs brush (mild detergent may be used).
3. Cleans couplings by removing gaskets, washes with warm soapy water, and reinstalls gaskets (replacing if defective).
4. States that hose should be dried.

#### INSPECT FIRE HOSE

5. Checks for signs of mechanical damage.
6. Checks for dirt and debris.
7. Checks for loose couplings.
8. Checks for damaged male or female threads (or sexless coupling connectors and locks as applicable).
9. Checks to see that swivel on female coupling operates freely.
10. Tags and reports damaged hose.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### TRIPLE LAYER HOSE LOAD

Skill Number: HN15

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with 150 feet of hose and a nozzle.
2. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a hose bed or suitable prop.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given fire hose and a hose bed or suitable prop shall successfully make a triple layer hose load.

1. Wears appropriate PPC.
2. Starts by coupling all three (3) sections of hose together into one (1) 150 foot length.
3. Attaches female coupling to appropriate male discharge.
4. Lays hose in a straight line from the hose bed.
5. Grabs hose at a point approximately two thirds the total length from the hose bed.
6. Pulls hose back upon itself creating three layered stacks of hose.
7. Picks up entire stack and begins folding stack into hose bed.
8. Lays the first length flat against divider/partition toward front of bed (or opposite side).
9. Folds stack and continues back toward rear of bed (or opposite side) angling slightly to place this length first against opposite divider/partition.
10. Continues in the above manner until entire length has been loaded.
11. Completes load by attaching nozzle to male coupling and places hose through nozzle bail.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### MINUTE MAN HOSE LOAD

Skill Number: HN16

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with fire hose and nozzle.
- 2 The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a hose bed or suitable prop.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given fire hose and a hose bed or suitable prop shall successfully make a minute man hose load.

1. Wears appropriate PPC.
2. Connects the first section of hose to the discharge outlet. Do not connect it to the other lengths of hose.
3. Lays one layer of the connected hose flat in the hose bed with the remaining hose hanging out of the bed for connecting and loading later. NOTE: If the discharge outlet is located at the front of the bed, lay the hose to the rear of the bed and then back to the front before it is set aside. This provides slack hose for pulling the load clear of the bed.
4. Couples the remaining hose sections together.
5. Attaches a nozzle to the male end.
6. Places the nozzle on top of the first length at the rear.
7. Angles the hose to the opposite side of the bed and make a fold.
8. Lays the hose back to the rear.
9. Makes a fold at the rear of the hose bed.
10. Angles the hose back to the other side and make a fold at the front. NOTE: The first fold or two may be longer than the others to facilitate the pulling of the hose from the bed.
11. Continues loading the hose to alternating sides of the bed in the same manner until the complete length is loaded.
12. Connects the male coupling of the first section to the female coupling of the last section.
13. Lays the remainder of the first section in the bed in the same manner as the previous sections.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### COUPLING FIRE HOSE

Skill Number: HN17

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given fire hose shall successfully couple the hose.

#### FOOT TILT METHOD

1. Wears appropriate PPC.
2. Stands facing the two couplings so that one foot is near the male end.
3. Places a foot on the hose directly behind the male coupling.
4. Applies pressure to tilt the coupling upward.
5. Grasps the female end, place one hand on the coupling and the other hand on the coupling swivel.
6. Makes the connection, bring the two couplings together, align the Higbee cut.
7. Turns the swivel clockwise with the thumb

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### COUPLING FIRE HOSE

Skill Number: HN18

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidates will be told by the evaluator who will be holding the male and female coupling.
3. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given fire hose shall successfully couple the hose.

### TWO FIREFIGHTER METHOD

1. Wears appropriate PPC.
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Firefighter grasps the male coupling with both hands.
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Firefighter bends the hose directly behind the coupling.
4. Firefighter 1 holds the coupling and hose tightly against the thigh or midsection with the male threads pointed outward.
5. Firefighter 2 grasps the female coupling with both hands.
6. Firefighter 2 Brings the two couplings together and align their positions.
7. Firefighter 2 turns the female coupling counterclockwise until the threads line up and are seated. NOTE: a click may be heard when the couplings are properly aligned.
8. Firefighter 2 turns the female swivel clockwise to complete the connection.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### UNCOUPLING FIRE HOSE

Skill Number: HN19

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given fire hose shall successfully uncouple the hose.

#### KNEE PRESS METHOD

1. Wears appropriate PPC.
2. Grasps the hose behind the female coupling.
3. Stands the male coupling on end, with feet set well apart for balance.
4. Places one knee on the hose and shank of the female coupling.
5. Loosens the coupling (apply body weight).
6. Snaps the swivel quickly in a counterclockwise direction.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### UNCOUPLING FIRE HOSE

Skill Number: HN20

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given fire hose shall successfully uncouple the hose.

#### TWO FIREFIGHTER METHOD

1. Wears appropriate PPC.
2. Both firefighters compress the gasket in the coupling, grip respective couplings firmly with both hands and press the coupling toward the other firefighter.
3. Both firefighters loosen the connection, keep arms stiff.
4. Use the weight of both bodies to turn each coupling counterclockwise.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### STRAIGHT HOSE ROLL

Skill Number: HN21

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given fire hose shall successfully demonstrate a straight hose roll.

1. Lays the hose out flat in a straight line.
2. Starts at the male coupling end and rolls toward female coupling end.
3. Completes roll with female end exposed and male end protected in roll's center.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### HYDRANT (FORWARD LAY CONNECTION)

Skill Number: HN22

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given fire supply fire hose and a fire hydrant shall successfully connect a fire department pumper to a water supply and make a forward lay.

1. Gathers spanner, hydrant wrench, gate valve and sufficient hose.
2. Wraps hose around hydrant ensuring they are not between hose and hydrant and signals apparatus operator to start forward lay.
3. Removes cap from appropriate hydrant outlet and ensures other caps are tightened (uses appropriate outlet nearest fire).
4. Places hydrant wrench on the valve stem operating nut and removes hose loop from hydrant and connects hose to hydrant outlet.
5. Installs hydrant gate valve on extra outlet as required by department guidelines.
6. Flushes hydrant.
7. Upon signal from apparatus operator opens hydrant slowly and fully ensures water flow is not restricted.
8. Follows hose from hydrant to apparatus straightening hose as they go.
9. Uncouples hose from hose bed and connects to pumper intake, then releases hose clamp slowly and safely that apparatus operator installed.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### REVERSE LAY CONNECTION

Skill Number: HN23

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given a supply hose and a fire hydrant shall successfully make a reverse hose lay.

1. Pulls sufficient hose from the hose bed of the supply pumper.
2. Anchors hose to stationary object, under rear wheel of the attack pumper and signals driver to start reverse lay.
3. Attaches supply line to attack pumper or properly uses hose clamp.
4. Prepares supply hose for connection and connects to discharge outlet of supply pumper and charges line once attack pumper is ready.
5. Connects intake hose from supply pumper to hydrant and opens hydrant properly and ensures water flow is not restricted.
6. Ensures all connections are tight.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### PRECONNECTED FLAT HOSE LOAD

Skill Number: HN24

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with 1½" or 1¾" fire hose and nozzle.
2. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a hose bed or hose bed prop.
3. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!**

Given 1½" or 1¾" fire hose, shall successfully demonstrate a pre-connected flat hose load.

1. Attaches the female coupling to the discharge outlet.
2. Lays the first fold of hose in the bed against the side wall.
3. Angles the hose to lay the next fold length adjacent to the first fold length (number of adjacent folds to be determined by width of hose bed).
4. Extends loops on hose where appropriate for easy deployment (loops can be placed at 1/3 and 2/3 and large enough for arm to reach through).
5. Completes loading and attaches nozzle or appliance.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### SUPPLY WATER TO STANDPIPE SYSTEM AND SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Skill Number: HN25

Objective: 4.3.10

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with 2½" or 3" fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a hose bed or hose bed prop. The evaluator will decide which connection, standpipe or sprinkler.
3. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given 2½" or 3" fire hose, shall successfully demonstrate supplying water to a standpipe system or a sprinkler system.

1. Wears appropriate PPE.
2. Locates standpipe connection.
3. Places apparatus in proper position to operate from a pressurized water source. (Hydrant)
4. Places wheel chocks under wheels.
5. Engages fire pump.
6. Makes connection to the Fire Department Connection (FDC) to supply Standpipe or Sprinkler system.
7. Calculates friction loss and gallons per minute for each scenario given.
8. Supplies water to the system at the correct volume and pressure.
9. Operates relief valve (pressure control system).
10. Makes transition from internal to external source.
11. Operates auxiliary system.
12. Assembles additional hose lines, nozzles, valves and appliances if needed.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### TIE THE FIGURE EIGHT KNOT

Skill Number: KN

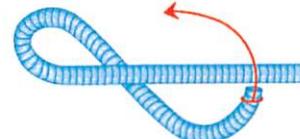
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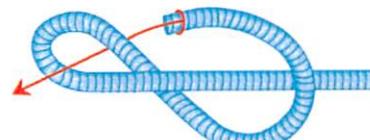
1. The VSF Candidates shall be given a rope suitable for tying knots.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given appropriate rope shall, shall successfully demonstrate tying the figure eight knot.



1. Make a loop with an end.



2. Now pass the end through it.



3. Pull both sides to adjust the knot.



4. The finished knot resembles an "8".



## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### TIE A BOWLINE

Skill Number: KN1

Objective: 4.3.20

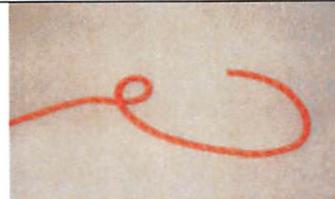
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2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

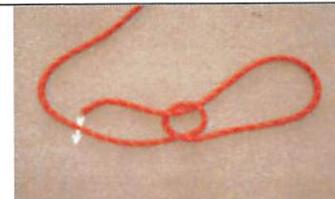
#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given appropriate rope shall, shall successfully demonstrate tying the bowline knot.

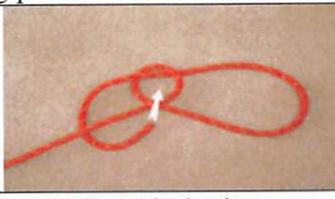
1. Selects enough rope to form the size of the knot desired
2. Forms an overhand loop in the standing part.



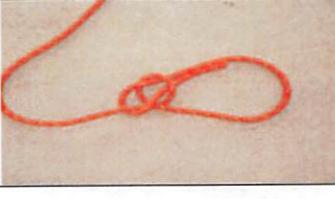
3. Passes working end upward through the loop



4. Passes the working end over the top of the loop under the standing part.



5. Brings the working end completely around the standing part and down through the loop.
6. Pulls the knot snugly into place an insided bowline with the working end on the inside of the loop.





## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### TIE A CLOVE HITCH

Skill Number: KN2

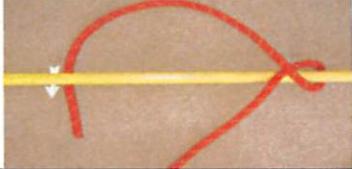
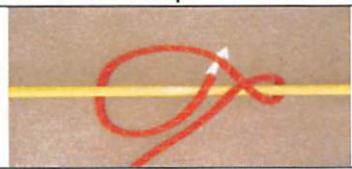
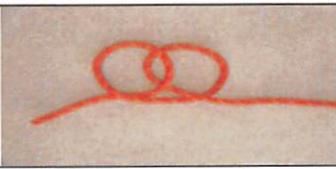
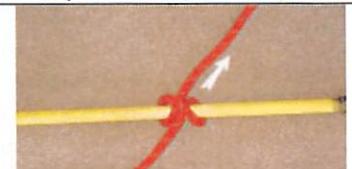
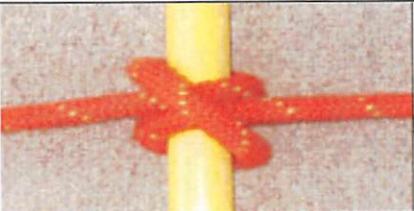
Objective: 4.3.20

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be given a rope suitable for tying knots.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given appropriate rope shall successfully demonstrate tying a clove hitch.

METHOD ONE	METHOD 2
1. Makes one complete loop around the object crossing the working end over the standing part	1. Forms a loop in his/her left hand with the working end to the right crossing over the standing part. 2. Forms another loop in his/her right hand with the working end crossing over the standing part
	
2. Completes the round turn about the object just above the first loop.	3. Slides the right hand loop under the left hand loop.
	
3. Passes the working end under the upper wrap, just above the cross.	4. Holds the two loops together at the rope forming the clove hitch. 5. Slides the knot over the object.
4. Sets the hitch by pulling	6. Pulls the ends in the opposite direction to tighten
5. Attaches rope to a round object	7. Attaches rope to a round object
	



## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### TIE A FIGURE-OF-EIGHT ON A BIGHT

Skill Number: KN3

Objective: 4.3.20

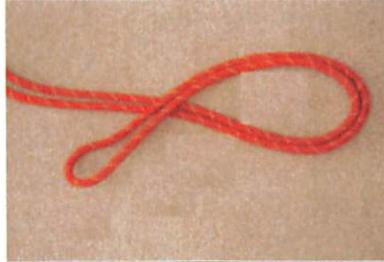
#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

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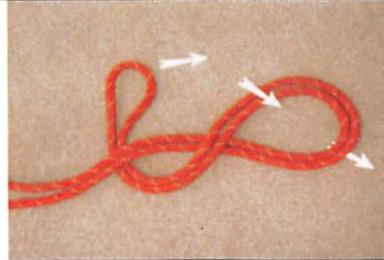
#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given appropriate rope shall successfully demonstrate tying figure-eight on a bight.

1. Forms a bight in the working end of the rope and using the double rope, passes the working end over the standing part to form a loop.



2. Passes the bight under the standing part.
3. Passes the bight over the loop and through the loop.



4. Extends the bight through the loop to whatever size loop is needed and dresses the knot.
5. Displays the completed knot.





## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### TIE A HALF HITCH

Skill Number: KN4

Objective: 4.3.20

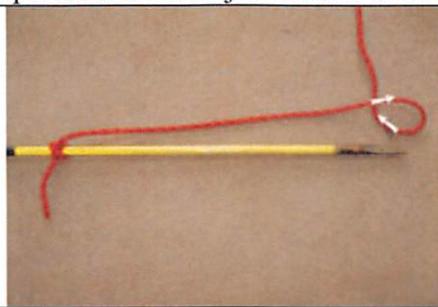
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2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

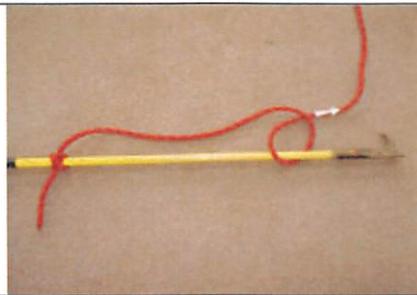
#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given appropriate rope shall successfully demonstrate tying a half hitch.

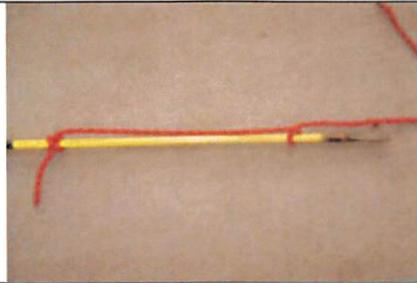
1. Makes a round turn in the rope around the object he/she is hoisting.



2. Passes the standing end of the rope under the round turn on the opposite side from the direction of the pull.



3. Pulls the standing end to dress the hitch.





## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### TIE A BECKET KNOT

Skill Number: KN5

Objective: 4.3.20

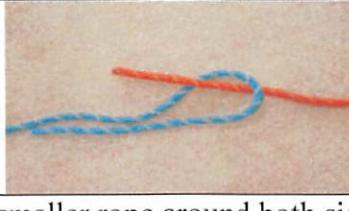
#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

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2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

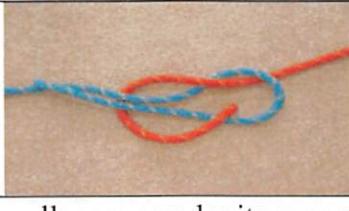
#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given appropriate rope shall, shall successfully demonstrate tying a becket (sheet bend) knot.

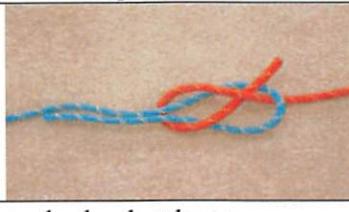
1. Forms a bight in working end of the larger diameter rope and passes the working end of the smaller rope through the bight.



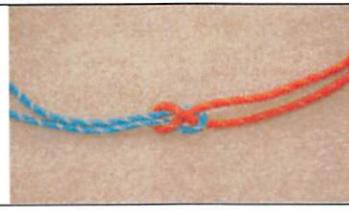
2. Brings the working end of the smaller rope around both sides of the bight.



3. Tucks the working end of the smaller rope under its own standing part and over the bight.



4. Draws the knot snug to complete the becket knot.





## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### TIE AN OVERHAND SAFETY KNOT

Skill Number: KN6

Objective: 4.3.20

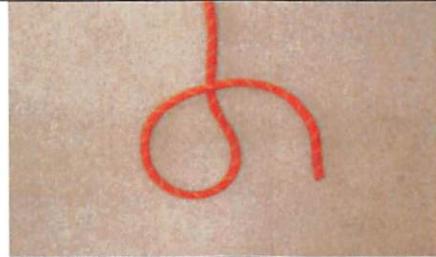
#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

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2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

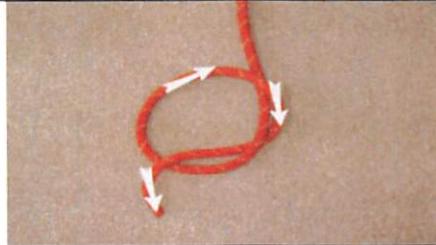
#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given appropriate rope shall successfully demonstrate tying an overhand safety knot.

1. Forms a bight in the working end.

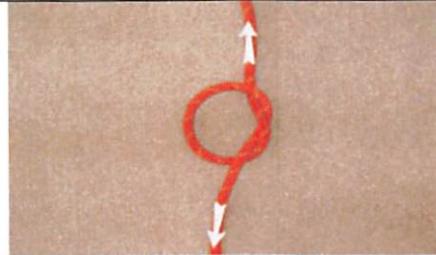


2. Brings the working end over the standing part to form a loop.



3. Passes the working end through the loop.

4. Displays the finished knot consisting of two interlocking bights.





## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### CARRY A 24 FOOT EXTENSION LADDER

Skill Number:LD1

Objective: 4.3.6

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a 24 foot extension ladder.
2. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with an area for carrying the ladder.
3. The VSF Candidates shall work as a team with one firefighter being assigned as the tip person and one assigned as the heel person as designated by the evaluator.
4. The VSF Candidates shall carry the ladder to the appropriate area.
5. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!**

Given a 24 foot extension ladder shall successfully carry the ladder to the set location.

TIP FIREFIGHTER	HEEL FIREFIGHTER
LOW SHOULDER CARRY	LOW SHOULDER CARRY
1. Wears appropriate PPC	1. Wears appropriate PPC
2. Inspects the terrain for solid, level footing.	2. Inspects the terrain for solid, level footing.
3. Inspects for overhead electrical wires and obstructions.	3. Inspects for overhead electrical wires and obstructions.
4. With ladder lying flat on the ground, both firefighters kneel beside the ladder facing the same direction towards the butt of the ladder.	4. With ladder lying flat on the ground, both firefighters kneel beside the ladder facing the same direction towards the butt of the ladder.
5. Grasps the ladder beam and pull ladder up on the beam.	5. Grasps the ladder beam and pull ladder up on the beam.
6. Stands while shouldering the ladder.	6. Stands while shouldering the ladder.
7. Positions the ladder for carrying on shoulders	7. Positions the ladder for carrying on shoulders
8. Steadies the ladder with both hands	8. Lowers the butt slightly
9. Carries the ladder toward the objective	9. Steadies the ladder with both hands
	10. Carries the ladder toward the objective
ARMS LENGTH CARRY	ARMS LENGTH CARRY
1. Wears appropriate PPC	1. Wears appropriate PPC
2. Inspects the terrain for solid, level footing.	2. Inspects the terrain for solid, level footing.
3. Inspects for overhead electrical wires and obstructions.	3. Inspects for overhead electrical wires and obstructions.
4. With ladder lying flat on the ground, both firefighters kneel beside the ladder facing the same direction towards the butt of the ladder.	4. With ladder lying flat on the ground, both firefighters kneel beside the ladder facing the same direction towards the butt of the ladder.
5. Grasps the ladder beam and pull ladder up on the beam.	5. Grasps the ladder beam and pull ladder up on the beam.
6. Stands and lift the ladder to arm's length.	6. Stands and lift the ladder to arm's length.
7. Positions the ladder for carrying.	7. Positions the ladder for carrying.
8. Grasps the beam.	8. Grasps the beam.
9. Places the ladder against your body.	9. Places the ladder against your body.
10. Carries the ladder toward the objective	10. Carries the ladder toward the objective

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### CARRY A SINGLE LADDER

Skill Number: LD4

Objective: 4.3.6

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a 12-14' single ladder.
2. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with An area to carry ladder.
3. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given a single ladder and an area suitable for ladder work shall successfully demonstrate carrying the single ladder.

1. Wears appropriate PPC.
2. Uses an approved carry.
3. Inspects the terrain for solid, level footing, muddy, icy, and/or uneven ground.
4. Inspects the overhead electrical wires and obstructions even if not raising ladder, so ladder is not laid on ground under electrical wires or obstructions.
5. With ladder lying flat on ground, firefighter kneels beside the ladder facing the tip of the ladder.
6. Grasps the ladder beam and pull up on beam, using legs lift ladder and pivot placing arm under top beam, facing the butt with top beam on their shoulder.
7. Lowers the butt slightly.
8. Steadies the ladder using both hands.
9. Carries the ladder towards the objective.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### PERIODIC SCBA INSPECTION

Skill Number: MN1

Objective: 4.5.1

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a self-contained breathing apparatus.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given a self-contained breathing apparatus shall successfully demonstrate a periodic inspection of the breathing apparatus.

1. Inspects the SCBA following procedures for daily inspection
2. Thoroughly inspects all rubber/elastomer parts and stretches and massages them.
3. Tests the mainline valve for correct operation and leaks (if applicable).
4. Tests the by-pass valve for leaks.
5. Checks the hydrostatic test date.
6. Tests the cylinder valve connection for leaks.
7. Tests the cylinder valve outlet connection for leaks.
8. With the cylinder valve open, all gauges should be within acceptable variances.
9. Checks for operational readiness.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### CLEANING AND SANITIZING SCBA

Skill Number: MN2

Objective: 4.5.1

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a self-contained breathing apparatus, and material for cleaning and sanitizing the SCBA (soap, water, disinfectant).
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given a self-contained breathing apparatus and cleaning and sanitizing materials shall successfully demonstrate cleaning and sanitizing the breathing apparatus.

##### FACE PIECE

1. Washes the assembly in warm water containing any mild commercial disinfectant.
2. Rinses with clear, warm water (submerges if necessary).
3. Ensures proper operation of the exhalation valve.
4. Air dries or dries with a lint-free cloth (never uses a paper towel).

##### OTHER COMPONENTS

5. Wipes off the entire unit using a soft cloth and an approved cleaner/disinfectant.

##### SCBA HARNESS

6. Washes with a mild soap or commercial cleaning agent.
7. Rinses thoroughly.
8. Allows to air dry.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### CLEAN & INSPECT GROUND LADDERS

Skill Number: MN3

Objective: 4.5.1

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with an extension ladder, a garden hose, and various cleaning supplies.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given an extension ladder and various cleaning supplies shall successfully demonstrate the proper techniques for cleaning and inspecting the ladder.

1. Removes dirt with a brush and running water.
2. Removes oily or greasy residue with a solvent cleaner approved by the manufacturer. Wipe dry.
3. Checks halyards and replace when they become frayed.
4. Visually inspects for obvious defects.
5. Checks the rungs for tightness.
6. Checks bolts, rivets, and welds for looseness.
7. Checks beams, trusses, and truss blocks for evidence of compression failure.
8. Checks the heat indicator label (if applicable).
9. Checks all slides, stops, locks, braces, halyards, pulleys and all other moveable parts. (This can be done by raising the ladder.)
10. Lubricates locks and beams.
11. Marks all defects with chalk or other suitable marker.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPRESSION FF



### PERIODIC SCBA INSPECTION

Skill Number: MN4

Objective: 4.5.1

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. *The Volunteer Suppression Firefighter shall be provided with a self-contained breathing apparatus.*
2. *The Volunteer Suppression Firefighter shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.*

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given a self-contained breathing apparatus shall successfully demonstrate a periodic inspection of the breathing apparatus.

1. Inspects the SCBA following procedures for daily inspection
2. Thoroughly inspects all rubber/elastomer parts and stretches and massages them.
3. Tests the mainline valve for correct operation and leaks (**if applicable**).
4. Tests the by-pass valve for leaks.
5. Checks the hydrostatic test date. Composite cylinders should be tested every three years, steel and aluminum cylinders must be tested every five years.
6. Tests the cylinder valve connection for leaks.
7. Tests the cylinder valve outlet connection for leaks.
8. With the cylinder valve open, all gauges should be within acceptable variances.
9. Dons the SCBA and checks for operational readiness.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



CLEAN AND CHECK LIFE SAFETY OR UTILITY ROPES

Skill Number: MN5

Objective: 4.5.1

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:**

1. The Firefighter I Candidates shall be provided with a rope and cleaning supplies.
2. The Firefighter I Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!**

Given fire department ropes and cleaning supplies shall successfully demonstrate cleaning and checking ropes.

1. Examines entire surface of the rope for cuts, abrasions, stains, or fraying, after each use.
2. Examines the inner component of the rope by twisting the rope for laid rope OR feeling for bunching and narrowing of rope diameter for kernmantle constructed rope, depressions of the kern indicates rope is damaged.
3. Verbally explains how to tag and/ or remove damaged rope from service when asked by the evaluator.
4. Cleans rope using clear water only if synthetic rope.
5. Allows rope to dry completely, or state rope must be allowed to dry.
6. Performs additional inspection after drying.
7. Properly stores rope using coil method or rope bag storage.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### CLEAN AND INSPECT SALVAGE COVERS

Skill Number: MN8

Objective: 4.5.1

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with fire department salvage equipment and cleaning supplies.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given fire department cleaning supplies shall successfully demonstrate properly cleaning and visually inspecting fire department salvage covers in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.

1. Wears appropriate PPC.
2. Spreads the salvage cover out flat for cleaning.
3. Scrubs the cover with detergent solution and a brush.
4. Rinses the cover thoroughly.
5. Allows cover to thoroughly dry.
6. Identifies damage by raising and passing cover over head and looking for light to pass through.
7. Uses department procedure for indicating repair.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### DON PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Skill Number: PPC1-Volunteer Support Firefighter

Objective: 4.1.2

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. *The VSF Candidate must provide full PPC.*
2. *The VSF Candidate's gear should be taken into consideration as long as an attempt is made to complete the objective.*
3. Candidate must start with feet in shoes. Shoes can be untied and unlaced.
4. *Steps do not have to be performed in numerical order.*
5. *The 1 minute time component for donning personal protective clothing was removed because the technical committee believes it is more important to perform the procedure correctly rather than quickly, to keep the person safe.*
6. *The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.*

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Properly DON the Personal Protective Clothing (PPC).

1. Dons protective trousers and boots.
2. Dons protective hood.
3. Dons protective coat.
4. Assures that all available fasteners are fastened.
5. Dons the helmet and secures the chin strap and pulls down ear flaps.
6. Dons gloves. Must be NFPA compliant.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### SET UP GENERATOR AND LIGHTS

Skill Number: PWR1

Objective: 4.3.17

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidate shall be provided with the following:  
a) generator, b) portable lights, c) electrical cords, d) electrical connectors, e) ground fault interrupter
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given the necessary equipment shall successfully demonstrate procedures for safely using the generator, lights, cords, connectors, and ground fault interrupter to get light.

1. States or demonstrates that he/she sets up the generator in an open area. Electrical cables, power plants and electrical lighting equipment should be intrinsically safe.
2. Checks fuel level. (Refuels before starting generator, if necessary.)
3. Ensures the presence of a Ground-Fault Interrupter in the circuit.
4. Places the cords so that they won't be a tripping hazard and are not laying in water.
5. States or demonstrates that he/she places lights so that they will not blind firefighters and will not be subject to water spray.
6. Uses proper connectors and adapters and makes all connections. Twist lock receptacles provide secure connections.
7. Starts the generator.
8. Adjusts lights as necessary.

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### PROCEDURES TO MOUNT & RIDE APPARATUS

Skill Number: SAF1

Objective: 4.3.2

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidate shall be provided with a fire apparatus.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given various safety equipment, including noise barriers.
3. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VSF CANDIDATE!

Given a fire apparatus, shall successfully mount apparatus and demonstrate the use of seat belts, noise barriers and other safety equipment provided for protection while riding on apparatus.

1. Dons appropriate protective clothing before mounting apparatus, no donning PPC while vehicle is moving.
2. When mounting fire apparatus, firmly grasps a hand hold with both hands and places at least one foot firmly on a foot surface.
3. Maintains proper hand and foot placement until seated.
4. Fastens seat belt and/or harness before apparatus is in motion and while responding do not unfasten your seatbelt.
5. Dons other required safety equipment, such as hearing protection (Face and eye protection are required for seating areas that are not fully enclosed).
6. Makes sure unsecured equipment in the crew compartment is secured.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### DISMOUNT APPARATUS AND DEPLOYMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

Skill Number: SAF2

Objective: 4.3.3

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidate shall be provided with traffic cones and other traffic and scene control devices.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given traffic cones or other traffic and scene control devices, shall successfully demonstrate proper procedures for deployment of traffic or scene control devices

1. Waits for apparatus to come to complete to stop before dismounting.
2. Checks for oncoming traffic before opening apparatus doors.
3. Watches for oncoming traffic and other hazards during dismount and while working in and around street, never walks with backs to traffic.
4. Grasps a handhold with both hands, while foot is placed firmly on a flat surface when leaving the apparatus.
5. Wears appropriate Personal Protective Clothing, such as reflective safety vest.
6. Deploys traffic cones and/or other traffic and scene control devices to slow motorists and directs them in a safe pattern around an emergency scene.
7. Notifies law enforcement and verifies they have been dispatched, if they are not already on scene.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### TWO PERSON SALVAGE FOLD

Skill Number: SAL3

Objective: 4.3.14

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a salvage cover.
2. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with assistance in performing this operation but the assistant shall only do what he/she is instructed to do by the candidate.
3. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given the salvage cover provided, shall successfully demonstrate a salvage cover fold for a two-person salvage cover spread.

1. Wears appropriate PPC.
2. Lays the cover out flat on a clean surface.
3. Grasps the cover along the edge and at the center raising the center fold high above the floor.
4. Shakes out the wrinkles.
5. Spreads the cover out on the floor so that the cover is folded in half.
6. Grasps the cover at the corner on the side with the open edges.
7. Using the foot toward the folded edge as a pivot, the firefighters bring the open edge side of the cover back over on top of itself.
8. Aligns the edges and smooth out the wrinkles.
9. Folds the cover in half from the side of the cover and smooths it out.
10. Continues folding the cover in half until cover is small enough to carry.

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### ONE PERSON SALVAGE ROLL

Skill Number: SAL4

Objective: 4.3.14

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a salvage cover.
2. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with assistance in performing this operation but the assistant shall only do what he/she is instructed to do by the candidate.
3. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given the salvage cover provided, shall successfully demonstrate a salvage cover roll for a one-person salvage cover spread.

1. Wears appropriate PPC.
2. Lays the cover out flat on a clean surface.
3. Positions him/herself at the edge of the cover along a short side.
4. Locates the center point along the edge of the cover.
5. Grasps the cover with the hand on the side to be folded midway between the center and the edge.
6. Places the other hand as a pivot point midway between the outside hand and the center.
7. Brings the fold over to the center.
8. Brings the outside edge over to the center and places it on top of and in line with the previously placed fold.
9. Folds the other half of the cover in the same manner as steps 2 - 6.
10. Rolls tightly from one end to the other.
11. Straighten out as necessary and completes the roll, fold the end over about 12 inches.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### CONNECT SUPPLY HOSELINE

Skill Number: WS1

Objective: 4.3.15

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with at least one-section of 2½" or 3" fire hose.
2. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with a fire hydrant, a gate valve, and a hydrant wrench.
3. Once the hose is connected to the hydrant, the evaluator must attach a hose clamp or nozzle to the end of the hoseline so that the hydrant can be fully opened.
4. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given supply hose, a hydrant, and various tools shall successfully demonstrate procedures for "catching a hydrant" (connecting fire hose from an apparatus to a hydrant to supply an attack apparatus).

1. Wears appropriate PPC.
2. Approaches the hydrant and loops the hose around the hydrant, so the hose forms an "X".
3. Places foot on the hose and signals the driver to lay the hose.
4. Loosens the hydrant cap of the outlet facing the fire.
5. Places the hydrant wrench on the valve stem.
6. Removes the loosened hydrant cap.
7. Opens the hydrant to flush debris, then closes the hydrant.
8. Attaches hydrant gate valve to the unused outlet (the one on the side opposite the fire).
9. Removes the hose loop from the hydrant and connects it to the outlet facing the fire.
10. When signaled, slowly opens the hydrant by turning the operating nut with the hydrant wrench until fully open.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### ASSEMBLE AND CONNECT EQUIPMENT FOR DRAFTING

Skill Number: WS2

Objective: 4.3.15

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. *The VSF Candidates shall be provided with the following:*  
*a) Rubber mallet, b) 2 sections of hard suction hose. c) Strainer for the hard suction hose, d) pumping apparatus.*
2. *The VSF Candidates shall be provided with an assistant, but the assistant can only do what the VSF Candidate instructs them to do.*
3. *The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.*

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given the necessary equipment shall successfully demonstrate assembling the equipment necessary to perform a drafting operation.

1. Wears appropriate PPC.
2. Removes the hard suction (or flex) hose from the apparatus.
3. Using the rubber mallet, if necessary, removes the cap of the pump intake.
4. Connects the hard suction (or flex) hose to the pump intake and ensures a tight fit.
5. Connects the second section of hard suction (or flex) hose to the first section and ensures a tight fit.
6. Attaches the strainer to the end of the hard suction hose and places it into the water supply.
7. Ensures that strainer is kept off the bottom of natural water sources (lift with ladder, rope, etc or uses floating strainer).

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### TRANSFER WATER BETWEEN PORTABLE WATER TANKS

Skill Number: WS3

Objective: 4.3.15

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with the following:  
a) pumping apparatus, b) rubber mallet, c) 3-4 sections of hard suction hose, d) Strainer for the hard suction hose, e) jet siphon, f) steamer cap, g) two portable water tanks, h) 1 section of 1½" or 1¾" hose, i) pvc pipe, j) clamps
2. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with an assistant, but the assistant can only do what the VSF Candidate instructs them to do.
3. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given the necessary equipment shall deploy portable water tanks and successfully demonstrate assembling the equipment necessary to transfer water and drafting.

1. Appropriately positions first portable water tank beside the pumping apparatus, beneath the steamer connection.
2. Assembles equipment necessary to draft from the portable water tank.
3. Places the second portable water tank in position to receive water from the tanker/tender apparatus.

#### METHOD ONE

4. Attaches the jet siphon to the female end of a section of hard suction (flex hose).
5. Connects the female coupling of the 1-1/2" or 1-3/4" to the discharge outlet and male coupling to the jet siphon.
6. Places the jet siphon in the second portable water tank, with the end of the hard suction hanging over into the first portable water tank.

#### METHOD TWO

4. Inserts the drain sleeves of each portable water tank into the clamps.
5. Inserts the pvc pipe into the drain sleeves of each portable water tank.
6. Clamps the drain sleeve of each portable water tank to the pvc pipe.

#### METHOD THREE

4. Submerges one section of suction hose in the second portable water tank.
5. Caps the end nearest the first tank and lifts it over into and places it on the bottom of the first tank.
6. Removes the cap.

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## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER



### DEPLOY PORTABLE WATER TANK

Skill Number: WS4

Objective: 4.3.13

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR:

1. The VSF Candidates shall be provided with the following: apparatus mounted portable water tanks, siphon and appropriate hose/tubing or other means of transferring water from one tank to another, two heavy tarps.
2. The VSF Candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the exercise.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE!

Given the necessary equipment shall successfully deploy portable water tanks.

1. Remove the tarps from the apparatus.
2. Carry the tarps to the planned location for the water reservoirs location provides easy access from multiple directions
3. Open the tarps and spread them flat on the ground.
5. Set up portable tanks according to manufacturer's recommendations.

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