



Office of Training
and Certification

New Jersey Division of Fire Safety

BASIC PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION REPORT

Skill sheet #

FF1-75

Certification title

Firefighter 1
Opening an Interior Wall

Applicant Information

Candidate name

DFS ID #

Course #

Evaluation

Standard:
NFPA 1001, 2019 Edition
Skill Drill 19-16
Fire Fighter I, 4.3.13

Task

Properly open an interior wall.

Conditions and Outcome

The candidate shall be provided with a wall to be opened up, full personal protective equipment, and an axe. The candidate shall demonstrate how to open an interior wall.

Number	Task Steps	First Test		Retest #1		Retest #2	
		Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
1	Determine which area of the wall will be opened.						
2	Use the axe blade to begin cutting near the top of the wall. Cut downward between wall studs. Be alert for electrical switches or receptacles, as they indicate the presence of electrical wires behind the wall.						
3	Make two vertical cuts, using the pick end of the axe to pull the wall material away from the studs and open the wall. Work from top to bottom. Remove items such as baseboards or window and door trim with a Halligan tool or axe.						
4	Continue opening additional sections of the wall until the desired area is open. Pull out any insulation, such as fiberglass, found behind the wall.						
Final Test Result for Entire Task							

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