



Office of Training
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New Jersey Division of Fire Safety

BASIC PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION REPORT

Skill sheet #

FF1-31

Certification title

Firefighter 1
Forcing Entry Using an A Tool

Applicant Information

Candidate name

DFS ID #

Course #

Evaluation

Standard:
NFPA 1001, 2019 Edition
Skill Drill 10-9
Fire Fighter I, 4.3.4

Task

Force entry on a doorway using an A tool.

Conditions and Outcome

The candidate shall be provided with an A tool, flathead axe, and locking mechanism for a doorway. Ensure candidate is wearing proper PPE: boots, pants, hood, gloves, helmet, and eye protection. The candidate shall be able to force entry on a door using an A tool.

Number	Task Steps	First Test		Retest #1		Retest #2	
		Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
1	Size up the door and lock area, checking for any safety hazards. Determine which type of lock is used, whether it is regular or heavy-duty construction, and whether the lock cylinder has a case-hardened collar, which may hamper proper cutting. Place the cutting edges of the A tool over the lock cylinder, between the lock cylinder and the door frame.						
2	Using a flat-head axe or similar striking tool, drive the A tool onto the lock cylinder. Pry up on the A tool to remove the lock cylinder from the door. Insert a key tool into the hole to manipulate the locking mechanism and open the door.						
Final Test Result for Entire Task							
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