



How to Get Your Best Score on a Fire Simulator

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Why Us?

- Taken promotional exams
 - Have been successful in the process
 - Developed exams
 - Have evaluated exams
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The Process

■ Interactive

- Role Players
 - Dispatchers
 - Companies

■ Non-Interactive

- Real Scenario w/o feedback
 - Discussion format
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- May include “mini-scenarios”
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Understanding the Grading Process

- Seeks to reduce or eliminate subjectivity
 - Raters will likely be from outside
 - Raters will need some tool to utilize
 - Grading sheets (check box concept)
 - Fail points
 - Identified qualities to be tested
 - Point or value system to use
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Department wants the raters' opinion or judgment

- Usually some flexibility built in for “good guy points”
 - Assessment of command presence
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Command Presence

- Difficult to put into words
 - Easy to identify those who possess it
 - Usually established early (first impressions)
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No “secrets” to success

■ Must know:

- Tactics and strategies
- P&P's
- SOP's
- SOG's
- Terminology

■ Must understand:

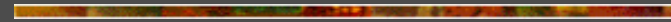
- Fire behavior
 - Building construction
 - Firefighting
 - Equipment
 - Apparatus
 - Personnel
 - Tactics
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Can I maximize my score?

- YES
 - You must cover “fail points” first
 - Build on that
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Be the Position

- You must see yourself as already filling the role.
- Speak, look and perform as the position you aspire to



Preparation prior to the simulator

- Check exam materials
 - Check references provided
 - READ THE INSTRUCTIONS
 - Look for clues
 - Time of day
 - Alarm assignment make up
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Once it begins

- Look at the picture
 - Know what you are seeing before you begin
 - Building construction/type
 - Smoke and fire conditions
 - Think before you act
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Size Up/Initial Report

- Practice, practice, practice
 - Announce your arrival
 - Building
 - Conditions
 - Initial actions
 - Water supply
 - Mode or actions
 - Assume command
 - Request additional resources
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Making assignments

- Develop a template
 - Do it the same way each time
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Assignment “Templates”

- “Engine 13, lay a supply line, take charge of my crew, You are Division 2, perform a primary search, confine and extinguish the fire”
 - “Engine 7, report to Division 2 Engine 13’s officer”
 - “Truck 11, secure utilities, perform vertical ventilation, You are the Ventilation Group”
 - “Rescue 9, prepare to receive multiple patients, You are the Med Group”
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Always know WHY you are taking an action

- Every action must support your strategy or address identified problems
 - Be proactive rather than reactive
 - Be prepared to discuss why
 - I expect that.....
 - Based on.....
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Questions and Answers

- Questions may be to validate what you did RIGHT.
 - May key into a flaw in your tactics.
 - May or may not be structured.
 - Don't be afraid to admit fault!
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Questions?
