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Standard on

Live Fire Training Evolutions

2018 Edition

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This edition of NFPA 1403 was approved as an American National Standard on September 6, 2017.

Origin and Development of NFPA 1403

The ongoing training of fire fighters is the cornerstone of good fire protection in today's world. However, the benefits derived from live fire training can be negated by the injuries and deaths suffered by fire fighters under unsafe and poorly supervised training conditions.

Following a tragic training accident in 1982, which resulted in the deaths of two fire fighters, the Committee on Fire Service Training was urged to address the issue of live fire training evolutions in structures. The committee proceeded to develop NFPA 1403 in order to provide recognized safe practices for conducting such training evolutions.

The first edition, titled *Live Fire Training Evolutions in Structures*, was issued in 1986. It was well received and served as the basis for live fire training evolutions throughout the United States. The document was updated in a 1992 edition. In the 1997 revision, the committee combined NFPA 1403 and NFPA 1406, *Outside Live Fire Training Evolutions*, into a single document.

The committee appointed a task group to review the functionality of the 1997 edition in preparation for the 2002 revision. The task group recommended a general updating of the standard. Changes were made to reflect increased experience with live fire training evolutions. The previous numbering of chapters and paragraphs was changed to reflect requirements in the 2000 edition of the *Manual of Style for NFPA Technical Committee Documents*.

The 2007 edition updated training requirements for live fire training structures, exterior props, and Class B fires. This edition also contained several editorial changes.

For the 2012 edition, the committee added a new Chapter 4 to address general requirements to which all live fire training evolutions must adhere for safety and that were previously located in individual chapters. The committee also further clarified the requirements for emergency medical services, allowable types of Class A products, instructor duties, and the role of the fire control team. A new requirement was added that mandated that each burn room have a burn plan in place to limit building damage and injuries to fire fighters. The inspection and maintenance requirements for live fire training structures were also revised.

For the 2018 addition, new definitions were added, and safety requirements were clarified and strengthened. Annex materials were also updated to provide additional recommended practices and guidance as well as additional reference links.