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### Standard for

## Facility Fire Brigade Member Professional Qualifications

### 2018 Edition

This edition of NFPA 1081, *Standard for Facility Fire Brigade Member Professional Qualifications*, was prepared by the Technical Committee on Industrial Fire Brigades Professional Qualifications and released by the Correlating Committee on Professional Qualifications. It was issued by the Standards Council on November 10, 2017, with an effective date of November 30, 2017, and supersedes all previous editions.

This edition of NFPA 1081 was approved as an American National Standard on November 30, 2017.

### Origin and Development of NFPA 1081

In 1996, the NFPA Standards Council, after receipt of a request for the development of a standard for the professional qualifications of industrial fire brigade members, approved the establishment of a Technical Committee on Industrial Fire Brigades Member Professional Qualifications under the Professional Qualifications project. The purpose of the document was to identify requirements for personnel who perform as members of organized industrial fire brigades at specific sites or facilities. An organizational meeting of the new committee was held in October 1997 in Tampa, FL. The technical committee met a total of eight times during the development of this document.

The development process was coordinated with other professional qualifications documents and with the Technical Committee on Loss Prevention Procedures and Practices, the committee responsible for NFPA 600, *Standard on Industrial Fire Brigades*. To accommodate the site-specific needs of industrial fire brigades at various locations, the committee developed a core set of job performance requirements, as well as site-specific requirements for each defined level in the document. The intent is that the management of a facility utilizing the requirements of NFPA 1081 would identify those site-specific requirements applicable to the facility and incorporate them into the requirements for their industrial fire brigade members. This departure from the traditional style of other professional qualifications documents was necessary in order to track with the NFPA 600 and OSHA requirements in 29 CFR 1910.156 for fire brigades.

The first edition of NFPA 1081, *Standard for Industrial Fire Brigade Member Professional Qualifications*, adopted at the May 2001 meeting of the National Fire Protection Association, established job performance requirements for the levels of industrial fire brigade operations defined in NFPA 600: Incipient, Advanced Exterior, and Interior Structural. Requirements for the position of Fire Brigade Leader were also provided in the document.

The 2007 edition of NFPA 1081 was a complete revision of the document and included editorial changes to JPRs, Requisite Knowledge and Requisite Skills statements, and their associated Annex A statements. New material was also added for “site-specific requirements.”

In the 2012 edition of NFPA 1081, the committee added time requirements of 2 minutes (120 seconds) to Chapters 6 and 7 that relate to the donning and doffing of thermal protective clothing and donning and activation of SCBA and PASS devices. In addition, a section was added that addressed the limits and responsibilities of industrial fire brigade members in order to be consistent with NFPA 600, *Standard on Industrial Fire Brigades*. The committee also added a chapter to address the qualifications that support members would provide to the industrial fire brigade.

For the 2018 edition, the committee has changed the title of NFPA 1081 from *Standard for Industrial Fire Brigade Member Professional Qualifications* to *Standard for Facility Fire Brigade Member Professional Qualifications* to mirror a similar change to the title of NFPA 600, *Standard on Facility Fire Brigades*. The committee has reformatted the chapters of the document to align with the template as recommended by the Correlating Committee for Professional Qualifications. The committee has updated extracts and definitions, and has evaluated and revised as necessary the JPRs for the positions identified in the document.

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