

# NFPA Standards: numbers to remember

The NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) has developed standards for different aspects of the fire service. Depending on the state you are in, some of these standards may be adopted as law. Different states have adopted different standards. It is up to you to know which ones apply in your situation. Some states do not use the newest version of a standard, they will specify in their laws or administrative code that a certain year of each standard apply.

The standards are considered professional standards and you may be held to them in a court of law, regardless of if your state has adopted them. Every firefighter should be familiar with some of the basics.

You might need to know some of these in order to pass various fire service written exams. You may need to know them as they might have requirements that you or your department must adhere to. There are all sorts of reasons why these standards may be relevant to you. Usually they ask you a couple questions on a state 100 question multiple choice exam where you might need to know the number of the relevant ones for the test you are taking.

This article has the intent of giving you a quick description of each standard so you can have a general idea about what it contains. There are hundreds of standards and building codes out there, but these are some you may need to be aware of as a Firefighter I/II or Fire Officer.

**1** - Fire Code

**70** - Electric Code

**101** - Life Safety Code

**220** - Types of Building Construction

**291** - Recommended Practice for Fire Flow Testing and Marking of Hydrants

**472** - Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents

**704** - Identification of Hazardous Materials

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**921** - Guide for Fire and Explosive Investigations

**1001** - Defines a Firefighter I and Firefighter II. JPR's (job performance requirements) for career and volunteer fire fighters.

**1002** - Defines a driver/operator of a fire apparatus. JPR's (job performance requirements) for career and volunteer fire fighters.

**1006** - Defines technical rescue operations. JPR's (job performance requirements) for career and volunteer fire fighters.

**1021** - Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications

**1033** - Qualifications for Fire Investigator

**1041** - Standard for Fire Service Instructor

**1142** - Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Fire Fighting

**1403** - Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions

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**1404** - Requires Air Management Program

**1407** - Training for Rapid Intervention Crews

**1451** - Vehicle Operations Training Program

**1500** - Occupational safety and health requirements. Training. Protective clothing and equipment. Medical and Physical requirements. Health and Wellness programs. Two in, two out rule. Standard for IDLH environments.

**1521** - Fire Department Safety Officer

**1561** - Incident Management System

**1581** - Infection control

**1582** - Comprehensive occupational medical program

**1583** - Health Related Fitness Programs for Fire Department members

**1584** - On scene rehab

**1600** - Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity/Continuity of Operations Programs

**1710** - Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations and Special Operations by Career Departments

**1720** - Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations and Special Operations by Volunteer Departments

**1852** - Requires you to confirm SCBA Operational before use

**1901** - Fire apparatus

**1906** - Wildland apparatus

**1911** - Inspection, maintenance and testing of Fire Apparatus

**1931** - Ladders

**1932** - Maintenance and testing of Ladders

**1936** - Rescue tools

**1961** - Hose

**1962** - Inspection, care and testing of hose

**1963** - Hose Connections

**1964** - Hose Nozzles

**1965** - Hose Appliances

**1971** - Structural fire gear

**1977** - Wildland fire gear

**1981** - SCBA

**1982** - PASS Alarm

**1983** - Life safety rope

This list is by no means exhaustive, just a summary of the key standards which you may be introduced to in your training as a firefighter.

The NFPA does provide free access to all of its standards.

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