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How to Read a CTS Guide

Overview

A curriculum training standard (CTS) guide lists the requisite knowledge, skills, and job performance requirements an individual must complete to become certified in a specific job function.

It also documents and justifies the OSFM-approved revisions to the curriculum's NFPA standard and identifies where each curriculum training standard is taught (course plan), tested (skill sheets), and validated (task book).

Individuals aspiring to meet State Fire Training's curriculum training standards must do so in accordance with the codes, standards, regulations, policies, and standard operating procedures applicable within their own agency or jurisdiction.

Format

Each curriculum training standard is comprised of eight sections.

Section Heading

Training standards are grouped by section headings that describe a general category. For example, the Fire Fighter 1 CTS guide includes the following section headings: NFPA Requirements, Fire Department Communications, Fireground Operations, and Preparedness and Maintenance.

Training Standard Title

The training standard title provides a general description of the performance requirement contained within the individual standard.

Authority

The CTS guide references each individual standard with one or more paragraphs of the corresponding National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Professional Qualifications. This ensures that each fire service function within California's certification system meets or exceeds NFPA standards.

When California requirements exceed the NFPA standard, the CTS guide cites the Office of the State Fire Marshal as the authority and prints the corresponding information in *italics*.

Job Performance Requirements

This segment includes a written statement that describes a specific job-related task, the items an individual needs to complete the task, and measurable or observable outcomes.

Requisite Knowledge

This segment lists the knowledge that an individual must acquire to accomplish the job performance requirement.

Requisite Skills

This segment lists the skills that an individual must acquire to accomplish the job performance requirement.

Content Modification

This table documents and justifies any revisions to the NFPA standard that the development or validation cadres make during the development of a CTS guide.

Cross Reference

This table documents where each training standard is taught (course plan), tested (skill sheets), and validated (task book).

First Responder Inspector

Section 1: Definition of Duties

1:1: Definition of Duties for a First Responder Inspector

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.3, 6.4, 6.5
2. Office of the State Fire Marshal

Job Performance Requirement

There are no job performance requirements identified for this training standard.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify the administrative duties of a First Responder Inspector including the preparation of inspection reports, handling of complaints, and maintenance of records, as well as maintaining dialogue with fire inspectors and fire plans examiners and other relevant personnel
2. Identify the legal duties of a First Responder Inspector including enforcement of the adopted codes and standards of the AHJ, handling various complaints, and initiating legal action where necessary, knowledge of various legal proceedings such as enforcement of the adopted codes and standards of the AHJ, handling various complaints, and initiating legal action where necessary
3. Identify the field inspection duties of a First Responder Inspector including conducting assigned fire safety inspections of existing structures and properties, including those in the wildland urban interface environment, to identify fire and life safety hazards
4. Identify the ethics considerations that should guide a First Responder Inspector's job performance

Requisite Skills

1. None

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
RK3	Added "including those in the wildland urban interface environment".	Not included in NFPA 1030 but required by California law (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Chapter 7A (2016) and Public Resources Code, Section 4291).
RK4	Added knowledge component.	NFPA does not explicitly cover ethics, but they are a key part of the First Responder Inspector's role.

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 2-1• Topic 2-4	N/A	N/A

1-2: Identifying Legal Responsibilities and Authority

Authority

1. Office of the State Fire Marshal

Job Performance Requirement

Identify codes, given California Health and Safety Code, California Code of Regulations Title 19, and California Code of Regulations Title 24, so that inspections are conducted in accordance with the codes that give a fire inspector legal authority to conduct inspections in the state of California.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify inspection authority in the California Health and Safety Code
2. Identify regulatory requirements found in California Code of Regulations Titles 19 and 24
3. Identify jurisdictional organizations other than the fire department that have requirements or conduct inspections related to fire prevention and life safety
4. Identify jurisdictional organizations other than the fire department that have requirements or conduct inspections related to the wildland urban interface
5. Identify an AHJ's liability for failure to perform

Requisite Skills

1. None

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
CTS	Added new training standard.	Cadre believes it is vital for a First Responder Inspector to be able to identify the California codes that grant authority to their position. (2014)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 2-2	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 1

Section 2: Administration

2-1: Preparing Internal Written Correspondence

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.3.1

Job Performance Requirement

Prepare internal written correspondence to communicate fire protection and prevention concerns, given a common fire safety issue, so that the correspondence is concise, accurately reflects applicable codes, standards, and ordinances, and is appropriate for the intended audience.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify applicable policies of the AHJ

Requisite Skills

1. Demonstrate communication methods as prescribed by the AHJ

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
JPR	Changed “codes and standards” “codes, standards, and ordinances”.	“Codes, standards, and ordinances” is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 3-4	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 2

2-2: Preparing Inspection Reports

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.3.2
2. Office of the State Fire Marshal

Job Performance Requirement

Prepare inspection reports, given AHJ policy and procedures, observations from a field inspection, and a sample inspection report or template, so that the report is clear and concise and reflects the findings of the inspection in accordance with the applicable codes, standards, and ordinances and provides actions required based on the policies of the AHJ.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify applicable policies, codes, standards, and ordinances adopted by the AHJ
2. Describe common components of an inspection report
3. Describe AHJ's electronic reporting system policies and procedures

Requisite Skills

1. Conduct a field inspection
2. Apply AHJ policy
3. Communicate orally and in writing

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
JPR	Added "and a sample inspection report or template".	A First Responder Inspector must understand content to prepare a report. (2014)
JPR	Changed "codes and standards" "codes, standards, and ordinances".	"Codes, standards, and ordinances" is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)
RK1	Added "and ordinances".	"Codes, standards, and ordinances" is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)
RK2	Added knowledge component.	A First Responder Inspector must understand content to prepare a report. (2014)
RK3	Added knowledge component.	Electronic reporting systems are now standard.

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 3-5	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 3

2-3: Identifying Codes, Standards, or Ordinances

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.3.3

Job Performance Requirement

Identify the applicable code, standard, or ordinance, given fire protection, fire prevention, or life safety deficiencies observed during an assigned fire inspection, so that the applicable document, edition, and section are referenced.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify fire and life safety codes, standards, and ordinances
2. Identify policies as determined by the AHJ

Requisite Skills

1. Apply codes, standards, ordinances, and policies as determined by the AHJ

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
JPR	Changed “code or standard” to “code, standard, or ordinance”.	“Code, standard, or ordinance” is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)
RK1	Added “and ordinances”.	“Codes, standards, and ordinances” is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)
RS1	Added “ordinances”.	“Codes, standards, and ordinances” is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 3-1	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 4

2-4: Recognizing the Need for a Permit

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.3.4

Job Performance Requirement

Recognize the need for a permit, given a situation or condition, so that requirements for permits are communicated to the building owner, owner’s representative, occupant, event organizer, and fire prevention staff in accordance with applicable codes, standards, and ordinances and the policies of the AHJ.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify permit codes, standards, and ordinances, and policies of the AHJ
2. Identify the rationale for the permit

Requisite Skills

1. Communicate permit requirements orally and in writing

Content Modification

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JPR	Added “applicable codes, standards, and ordinances”.	Permitting is complex. Even entry-level inspectors must be aware of codes, standards, and ordinances. (2024)
RK1	Added “codes, standards, and, ordinances, and”.	Permitting is complex. Even entry-level inspectors must be aware of codes, standards, and ordinances. (2024)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 3-2	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 5

2-5: Investigating Assigned Complaints

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.3.5
2. Office of the State Fire Marshal

Job Performance Requirement

Investigate assigned complaints, given a reported situation or condition, so that complaint information is recorded, and the findings are forwarded to the appropriate department in accordance with AHJ policy.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify applicable codes, standards, and ordinances adopted by the jurisdiction
2. Identify policies of the AHJ

Requisite Skills

1. Apply codes, standards, and ordinances
2. Apply fire prevention principles
3. Communicate orally and in writing
4. Forward as required to the appropriate department
5. Recognize whether a complaint addresses a violation of jurisdictional codes, standards, or ordinances

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
JPR	Changed “to the AHJ” to “to the appropriate department”.	Findings may be forwarded to both internal and external departments. (2024)
RK1	Kept knowledge item from 2014 curriculum even through NFPA 2030 removed it.	Permitting is complex. Even entry-level inspectors must be aware of codes, standards, and ordinances. (2024)
RS1	Kept skill from 2014 curriculum even through NFPA 2030 removed it.	Permitting is complex. Even entry-level inspectors must be aware of codes, standards, and ordinances. (2024)
RS4	Changed “to the AHJ” to “to the appropriate department”.	Findings may be forwarded to both internal and external departments. (2024)
RS5	Replaced “Recognize problems” with new skills component	NFPA skill didn’t provide enough detail. (2024)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 3-3	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 6

2-6: Identifying Fire and Life Safety Hazards or Conditions

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.3.6

Job Performance Requirement

Identify fire and life safety hazards or conditions, given a fire protection, fire prevention, or life safety issue, so that the applicable action is taken per AHJ.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify fire and life safety hazards
2. Identify the applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and policies of the AHJ

Requisite Skills

1. Apply codes, standards, ordinances, and policies

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
JPR	Changed “per AHJ policy” to “per AHJ”.	The term “policy” is too specific. Not all AHJs have policies. (2024)
RK2	Added “ordinances”.	“Codes, standards, and ordinances” is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)
RS1	Added “ordinances”.	“Codes, standards, and ordinances” is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1B: Fire and Life Safety (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 4-1	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 7

Section 3: Legal

3-1: Participating in Legal Proceedings

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.4.2

Job Performance Requirement

Participate in legal proceedings, given the findings of a field inspection or a complaint and consultation with the AHJ and legal counsel, so that all information is presented factually and the inspector's demeanor is professional.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Describe the legal requirements pertaining to evidence rules in the legal system
2. Identify types of legal proceedings in accordance with the AHJ

Requisite Skills

1. Maintain a professional demeanor
2. Communicate
3. Listen
4. Differentiate facts from opinions

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
JPR	Deleted "Ability to".	An action must lead a JPR.

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 4-1	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 8

Section 4: Field Inspection

4-1: Determining Code Compliance

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.5.1

Job Performance Requirement

Determine code compliance, given the codes, standards, and ordinances, the policies of the AHJ, and a fire protection issue, so that the applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and policies are identified and compliance is determined.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Describe inspection practices
2. Describe how to apply code requirements

Requisite Skills

1. Observe, recognize, and report problems

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
JPR	Added "ordinances" in two places.	"Code, standard, or ordinance" is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1C: Field Inspection (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 2-3	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 9

4-2: Identifying Fire and Life Safety Hazards

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.5.2

Job Performance Requirement

Identify the fire and life safety hazards, given an existing occupancy, so that violations are identified based on a specific occupancy.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Evaluate fire and life safety hazards by occupancy

Requisite Skills

1. Observe and identify violations
2. Forward observations and hazards to the AHJ

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1B: Fire and Life Safety (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 4-1	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 10

4-3: Verifying Occupancy Classification for a Single-use Occupancy

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.5.3

Job Performance Requirement

Verify occupancy classification of a single-use occupancy, given a description of an occupancy and its use, so that the classification is made according to the applicable codes, standards, and ordinances.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Describe the differences between “use” and “occupancy.”
2. Identify occupancy classification types adopted by the AHJ
3. Identify applicable codes, regulations, ordinances, and standards adopted by the jurisdiction
4. Identify operational features

Requisite Skills

1. Observe, recognize, and report problems

Content Modification

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JPR	Changed “codes and standards” to “codes, standards, and ordinances”.	“Code, standard, or ordinance” is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)
RK1	Added knowledge component.	Baseline knowledge to teach JPR.
RK3	Kept skill from 2014 curriculum even through NFPA 2030 removed it.	Permitting is complex. Even entry-level inspectors must be aware of codes, standards, and ordinances. (2024)
RK4	Kept knowledge item from 2014 curriculum	California has a state-regulated occupancy classification.

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1B: Fire and Life Safety (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 2-1	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 11

4-4: Verifying that Means of Egress Elements Are Maintained

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.5.4

Job Performance Requirement

Verify that the means of egress elements are maintained in compliance with applicable codes, standards, and ordinances, given an existing occupancy, so that the elements are free of obstructions; easily operated; not locked; and that deficiencies are identified, documented, and reported in accordance with the applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and policies of the AHJ.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and knowledge related to means of egress elements
2. Identify maintenance requirements of egress elements

Requisite Skills

1. Observe and recognize problems with egress elements
2. Make decisions related to means of egress

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
JPR	Added “in compliance with applicable codes, standards, and ordinances.”	Permitting is complex. Even entry-level inspectors must be aware of codes, standards, and ordinances. (2014)
JPR	Added “codes, standards, and ordinances”.	Permitting is complex. Even entry-level inspectors must be aware of codes, standards, and ordinances. (2014)
RK1	Added “codes, standards, ordinances, and”.	Permitting is complex. Even entry-level inspectors must be aware of codes, standards, and ordinances. (2014)
RS1	Added “with egress elements”.	Added to clarify intent

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1B: Fire and Life Safety (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 3-1	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 12

4-5: Verifying Posted Occupant Load

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.5.5

Job Performance Requirement

Verify posted occupant load, given an occupancy classification, so that a building or structure is occupied in accordance with applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and policies of the AHJ.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Describe understanding of occupant loads

Requisite Skills

1. Observe, recognize, and report problems to the AHJ

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
JPR	Added "ordinances".	"Code, standard, or ordinance" is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1B: Fire and Life Safety (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 2-2	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 13

4-6: Determining Operational Readiness of Fixed Fire Suppression Systems

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.5.6

Job Performance Requirement

Determine the operational readiness of existing fixed fire suppression systems, given test documentation and field observations, so that the systems are in an operational state, maintenance is documented, and deficiencies are identified, documented, and reported in accordance with the applicable codes, standards, and ordinances and the policies of the AHJ.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify components and operation of fixed fire suppression systems
2. Identify applicable codes, standards, and ordinances

Requisite Skills

1. Observe, recognize problems with, and make decisions
2. Read reports

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
JPR	Added "ordinances".	"Code, standard, or ordinance" is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)
RK2	Added "ordinances".	"Code, standard, or ordinance" is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1C: Field Inspection (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 3-2	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 14

4-7: Determining Operational Readiness of Existing Fire Detection and Alarm Systems

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.5.7

Job Performance Requirement

Determine the operational readiness of existing fire detection and alarm systems, given observations, so that the systems are in an operational state, maintenance is documented, and deficiencies are identified, documented, and reported in accordance with the policies of the AHJ.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify the components and operation of fire detection and alarm systems and devices
2. Identify applicable codes, standards, and ordinances

Requisite Skills

1. Observe, recognize problems with, and make decisions
2. Read reports

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
RK2	Added "ordinances".	"Code, standard, or ordinance" is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1C: Field Inspection (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 3-3	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 15

4-8: Determining Operational Readiness of Portable Fire Extinguishers

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.5.8

Job Performance Requirement

Determine the operational readiness of existing portable fire extinguishers, given field observations, so that the equipment is in an operational state and deficiencies are identified, documented, and reported in accordance with the policies of the AHJ.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify portable fire extinguishers, including their components and placement
2. Identify codes, standards, and ordinances applicable to portable fire extinguishers

Requisite Skills

1. Observe, make decisions, and recognize and report problems

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
RK1	Added “and placement”.	Identifying placement is key to completing the JPR. (2014)
RK2	Added new knowledge item.	Permitting is complex. Even entry-level inspectors must be aware of codes, standards, and ordinances. (2014)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1C: Field Inspection (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 3-4	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 16

4-9: Inspecting Emergency Access for an Existing Site

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.5.9

Job Performance Requirement

Inspect emergency access for an existing site, given field observations, so that the required access for emergency responders is maintained and deficiencies are identified, documented, and corrected in accordance with the applicable codes, standards, and ordinances and the policies of the AHJ.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Describe codes, standards, ordinances, and policies of the AHJ
2. Describe emergency access and accessibility requirements

Requisite Skills

1. Locate emergency access requirements contained in the applicable codes and standards
2. Observe, recognize problems with, make decisions, and report deficiencies per the policies of the AHJ

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
JPR	Added "and corrected".	Correcting is part of California case law (see <i>Widmar vs. Marysville</i> and others). (2014)
JPR	Added "ordinances".	"Code, standard, or ordinance" is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)
RK1	Added "codes, standards, and ordinances".	Permitting is complex. Even entry-level inspectors must be aware of codes, standards, and ordinances. (2014)
RS1	Changed "Identify" to "Locate".	Changed to make a demonstratable skill.
RS1	Added "contained in the applicable codes and standards".	Added to clarify intent.
RS2	Added "Observe, recognize problems with, make decisions,".	These are key to this JPR and consistent with other standards. (2014)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1C: Field Inspection (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 2-2	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 17

4-10: Recognizing Fire Growth Potential in a Building or Space

Authority

1. NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)
 - Paragraph 6.5.10

Job Performance Requirement

Recognize fire growth potential in a building or space, given field observations, so that the hazardous conditions, material, liquids, or gases are identified, documented, and reported in accordance with the applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and policies of the AHJ.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify fire behavior, flame spread, and smoke development ratings of contents, interior finishes, building construction elements, decorations, decorative materials, and furnishings
2. Identify safe housekeeping practices

Requisite Skills

1. Observe, communicate, and make decisions
2. Apply codes, standards, and ordinances
3. Recognize hazardous conditions

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
JPR	Deleted “a hazardous”.	There is no such thing as a non-hazardous fire growth potential.
JPR	Added “applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and”.	Permitting is complex. Even entry-level inspectors must be aware of codes, standards, and ordinances. (2014)
RS3	Changed “codes and standards” to “codes, standards, and ordinances”.	“Code, standard, or ordinance” is more comprehensive and applicable to all situations. (2024)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1B: Fire and Life Safety (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 4-2	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 18

4-11: Inspecting Tents, Canopies, and Temporary Membrane Structures

Authority

1. Office of the State Fire Marshal

Job Performance Requirement

Inspect a tent, canopy, or temporary membrane structure, given applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and jurisdictional policies, to verify that it complies with applicable codes, standards, and ordinances, and identify, document, and report deficiencies in accordance with applicable codes and standards and jurisdictional policies.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Define terms: tent, canopy, temporary membrane structure
2. Identify permit requirements for tents, canopies, and temporary membrane structures
3. Identify state requirements for tents, canopies and other temporary membrane structures (15 persons or greater)
4. Identify when California Building Code regulates a tent, canopy or membrane structure

Requisite Skills

1. Apply codes, standards, and ordinances related to fireworks storage and display
2. Observe, recognize and document problems with, and make decisions about tents, canopies, and temporary membrane structures

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
CTS	Added new training standard.	This responsibility is not included in NFPA 1030 but is required of a First Responder Inspector in California (California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 2, Article 3).

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1D: Field Inspection—California Specific (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 2-1	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 19

4-12: Inspecting Safe and Sane Fireworks Retail Stands

Authority

1. Office of the State Fire Marshal

Job Performance Requirement

Inspect a “Safe and Sane” fireworks stand, given applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and jurisdictional policies, to verify that fireworks display and storage comply with applicable codes, standards, and ordinances, and identify, document, and report deficiencies in accordance with applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and jurisdictional policies.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify fireworks classifications
2. Identify codes, standards, and ordinances applicable to fireworks storage, display, and transportation
3. Describe types of licenses and permits required for fireworks storage and display

Requisite Skills

1. Apply codes, standards, and ordinances related to fireworks storage and display
2. Observe, recognize, and document problems with, and make decisions about fireworks storage and display

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
CTS	Added new training standard.	This responsibility is not included in NFPA 1030 but is required of a First Responder Inspector in California if this activity occurs within their jurisdiction (California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 6).

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1D: Field Inspection—California Specific (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 3-1	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 20

4-13: Inspecting a Public Fireworks Display

Authority

1. Office of the State Fire Marshal

Job Performance Requirement

Inspect a public fireworks display, given applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and jurisdictional policies, to verify that fireworks storage, handling, and use comply with applicable codes, standards, and ordinances, and identify, document, and report deficiencies in accordance with applicable codes and standards and jurisdictional policies.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify codes, standards, and ordinances applicable to public fireworks displays
2. Describe types of licenses and permits required for public fireworks displays
3. Describe fire and life safety aspects related to public fireworks displays

Requisite Skills

1. Observe, recognize problems with, and make decisions about public fireworks displays
2. Apply codes, standards, and ordinances related to public fireworks displays

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
CTS	Added new training standard.	This responsibility is not included in NFPA 1030 but is required of a First Responder Inspector in California if this activity occurs within his or her jurisdiction (California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 6).

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1D: Field Inspection—California Specific (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 3-2	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 21

4-14: Inspecting Proximate Fireworks or Special Effects Displays

Authority

1. Office of the State Fire Marshal

Job Performance Requirement

Inspect a proximate fireworks or special effects display, given applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and jurisdictional policies, to verify that fireworks storage, handling, and use comply with applicable codes, standards, and ordinances, and identify, document, and report deficiencies in accordance with applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and jurisdictional policies.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify codes, standards, and ordinances applicable to proximate fireworks or special effects displays
2. Describe types of licenses and permits required for proximate fireworks or special effects displays
3. Describe fire and life safety aspects related to proximate fireworks or special effects displays

Requisite Skills

1. Observe, recognize problems with, and make decisions about proximate fireworks or special effects displays
2. Apply codes, standards, and ordinances related to proximate fireworks or special effects displays

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
CTS	Added new training standard.	This responsibility is not included in NFPA 1030 but is required of a First Responder Inspector in California if this activity occurs within their jurisdiction (California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 6).

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1D: Field Inspection—California Specific (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 3-3	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 22

4-15: Comparing Approved Plans and Existing Fire Protection Systems

Authority

1. Office of the State Fire Marshal

Job Performance Requirement

Compare an approved plan to an existing fire protection system, given approved plans and field observations, so that any modifications to the system are identified, documented, and reported in accordance with applicable codes and standards and AHJ policies.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify construction document types
2. Identify fire protection symbols and terminology associated with plans for fire protection systems

Requisite Skills

1. Read and comprehend plans for fire protection systems
2. Observe, recognize problems with, and make decisions about existing fire protection systems
3. Apply codes and standards applicable to fire protection systems

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
CTS	Added new training standard.	This was in NFPA 1031 (2014) as 4.3.9 but not carried over to 1030 (2024). This is required of a First Responder Inspector in California and has a significant impact on fire and life safety. (2024)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1C: Field Inspection (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 3-1	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 23

4-16: Verifying Code Compliance for Incidental Storage, Handling, and Use of Flammable and Combustible Liquids and Gases

Authority

1. Office of the State Fire Marshal

Job Performance Requirement

Verify code compliance for incidental storage, handling, and use of flammable and combustible liquids and gases, given field observations and inspection guidelines from the AHJ, so that applicable codes and standards are addressed and deficiencies are identified, documented, and reported in accordance with the applicable codes and standards and the policies of the jurisdiction.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify the classification of incidental amounts of flammable and combustible liquids and gases
2. Identify the properties of incidental amounts of flammable and combustible liquids and gases
3. Identify the labeling of incidental amounts of flammable and combustible liquids and gases
4. Identify the storage of incidental amounts of flammable and combustible liquids and gases
5. Identify the handling of incidental amounts of flammable and combustible liquids and gases
6. Identify the use of incidental amounts of flammable and combustible liquids and gases

Requisite Skills

1. Observe
2. Communicate
3. Apply codes and standards
4. Recognize problems
5. Make decisions

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
CTS	Added new training standard.	This was in NFPA 1031 (2014) as 4.3.12 but not carried over to 1030 (2024). This is required of a First Responder Inspector in California and has a significant impact on fire and life safety. (2024)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1C: Field Inspection (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 4-1 (RK1)• Topic 4-2 (all other RK and RS)	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 24

4-17: Verifying Code Compliance for Incidental Storage, Handling, and Use of Hazardous Materials

Authority

1. Office of the State Fire Marshal

Job Performance Requirement

Verify code compliance for incidental storage, handling, and use hazardous materials, given field observations, so that applicable codes and standards for each hazardous material encountered are addressed and deficiencies are identified, documented, and reported in accordance with the applicable codes and standards and the policies of the jurisdiction.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Identify the classification of hazardous materials
2. Identify the properties of hazardous materials
3. Identify the labeling of hazardous materials
4. Identify the transportation of hazardous materials
5. Identify the storage of hazardous materials
6. Identify the handling of hazardous materials
7. Identify the use of hazardous materials

Requisite Skills

1. Observe
2. Communicate
3. Apply codes and standards
4. Recognize problems
5. Make decisions

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
CTS	Added new training standard.	This was in NFPA 1031 (2014) as 4.3.13 but not carried over to 1030 (2024). This is required of a First Responder Inspector in California and has a significant impact on fire and life safety. (2024)

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1C: Field Inspection (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 4-1 (RK1)• Topic 4-2 (all other RK and RS)	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 25

Section 5: Wildland Urban Interface Environments

5-1: Inspecting Exterior Hazards Abatement

Authority

1. Office of the State Fire Marshal

Job Performance Requirement

Inspect exterior hazards abatement on an existing property, given applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and jurisdictional policies, to verify compliance with applicable codes, standards, and ordinances, and identify, document, and report deficiencies and mitigation measures in accordance with applicable codes, standards, ordinances, and jurisdictional policies.

Requisite Knowledge

1. Describe wildland urban interface environments
2. Identify fire history in wildland urban interface environments
3. Describe consequences of severe wildland fire conditions on unmitigated wildland urban interface areas
4. Identify factors impacting wildland fire behavior
5. Define fire hazard severity zone classifications
6. Describe methods for dealing with fire hazards associated with wildland urban interface environment
7. Describe components of a vegetation management plan

Requisite Skills

1. Observe, recognize and document problems with, and make decisions about exterior hazard abatement
2. Apply codes, standards, and ordinances related to wildland urban interface environments

Content Modification

Block	Modification	Justification
CTS	Added new training standard.	This responsibility is not included in NFPA 1030 but is required of a First Responder Inspector in California (International Code Council (2016) and California Fire Code (2016)).

Cross Reference

Course Plan	Skill Sheet	Task Book
First Responder Inspector 1D: Field Inspection—California Specific (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 4-1	N/A	First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JPR 26