8-3: Deploy a Fire Shelter

Candidate Information
Candidate Name and SFT ID Number:
Circle One: Day 1 First Attempt / Day 1 Second Attempt / Day 2 First Attempt / Day 2 Second Attempt
General Information
Standard: Office of the State Fire Marshal / **CTS Guide:** 8-3 / **Course Plan:** Fire Fighter 1C, Topic 2-5
Performance Outcome: Deploy a fire shelter within 30 seconds.
Candidate Directions: You will deploy a fire shelter while wearing full wildland PPE using the [insert method] method within 30 seconds. The test will begin when I say, "start." The test will end when you say, "done." Do you understand the directions?

Variables (circle one)
Shelter deployment methods: Standing-to-sitting / Standing drop-down / Lying down

Performance Measures (check appropriate box) The candidate must complete all steps (100%) to receive a passing score.	**Pass**	**Fail**
1. Wears and uses appropriate PPE/SCBA/equipment at all times during evaluation		
2. Selects deployment area and states: • "Away from rolling material, chimneys, draws, and steep terrain" • "Largest available clearing" • "Lightest fuel loading" • "Possible burned over area"		
3. Clears deployment area and states: • "Utilize existing clearing, down to minimum 4' x 8' if time permits" • "Mineral soil" • "As large as time permits" • "Fire out if conditions warrant" • "Digging toe holds on slopes of 75% or more"		
4. States: "Place all flammable materials 30' away from deployment area"		
5. Sets hand tool aside (**Time starts when candidate releases hand tool.**)		
6. Opens fire shelter carrying case		
7. Pulls shelter from case using pull strap		
8. Lies down on back or side (Lying down method only, otherwise not applicable)		
9. Opens plastic protective case		
10. Removes shelter from plastic protective case		
11. Unfolds accordion folds (extends to full length, staying close to ground to protect airway, without releasing shelter)		

12. Unfolds tri-folds (extends to full length, staying close to ground to protect airway, without releasing shelter)		
Lying Down Method		
13. Opens and enters shelter (sides, ends, and peak fully extended; without releasing shelter; hands in upper corners of shelter; feet in lower corners securing shelter)		
14. Rolls over onto stomach (maintains a minimum of three anchor points; rotates shelter and body until feet are toward fire (if necessary); maintains control of shelter)		
15. Anchors shelter (maintains maximum airspace in shelter; anchors flaps with arms and legs; full fire shelter flap seal and perimeter-to-ground contact)		
Time:		
Standing-to-Sitting Method		
16. Lays shelter on ground with opening facing up		
17. Steps into the shelter (without releasing shelter; feet anchoring end of shelter nearest oncoming fire)		
18. Sits down inside shelter (ensures body faces opening, extends body fully inside shelter)		
19. Rolls over onto stomach (maintains a minimum of three anchor points; rotates shelter and body until feet are toward fire (if necessary); maintains control of shelter)		
20. Anchors shelter (maintains maximum airspace in shelter; anchors flaps with arms and legs; full fire shelter flap seal and perimeter-to-ground contact)		
Time:		
Standing Drop-Down Method		
21. Steps in through opening (without releasing shelter)		
22. Turns to face out of opening (facing away from oncoming fire; feet anchoring lower end)		
23. Crouches down low enough to put head and upper body into opening (ensures entire body is inside shelter)		
24. Drops to ground (drop first to knees, then lies flat on stomach; faces away from oncoming fire; feet anchor lower end; pushes shelter out one hand at a time to maximize air space in shelter)		
25. Anchors shelter (maintains maximum airspace in shelter; anchors flaps with arms and legs; full fire shelter flap seal and perimeter-to-ground contact)		
Time:		

Evaluation Results
Overall Evaluation: Pass / Fail (circle one)
Student Signature / Date:
Evaluator Signature / Date:
Comments: