

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT COMMANDER APPLICATION PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTARY FIRE SERVICE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

NFPA 470-2022 Edition



*All certification candidates are required to have an established and up to date user portal account in the PA State Fire Academy's Acadis Learning Management System prior to participating in **ANY** certification testing opportunity. Please log in to your Acadis portal account and update all personal information before submitting your certification application. (Access can be gained through the OSFC website – [Training and Certification Portal](#))

SECTION I

FEMA Student Identification Number (FEMA SID#): To register or view your FEMA SID, go to https://cdp.dhs.gov/FEMASID	Enter your 10-digit FEMA SID#
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Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Suffix	SSN# (last 4-digits only)
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code County
Date of Birth	Primary Phone	Alternate Phone	Email Address	
Affiliation (Fire Dept./Organization)		Title/Rank	Date Hired/Joined	
Fire Dept/Organization Address		City	State	Zip Code County

Please Read and Check One:

- ☐ I read (or had explained to me) and understand the job performance requirements for the Hazardous Materials Incident Commander certification test. I have no conditions which preclude me from safely or effectively performing all functions and tasks (practical skills and written test) for the level which I am seeking national certification.
- ☐ I read (or had explained to me) and understand the job performance requirements for the Hazardous Materials Incident Commander certification test. I will submit a request for accommodation for the written national certification test. I understand I MUST contact the Certification Program Manager no later than twenty days prior to the scheduled certification exam.

Disclosure of your social security number is required. Your social security number is being solicited pursuant to Pennsylvania Crimes Code 18 Pa C.S. 4904 and Section 7384 of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. §§ 7101 *et seq.* The Office of the State Fire Commissioner/ Pennsylvania State Fire Academy collects these numbers only for tracking, processing of certifications, and verification purposes; information is only shared where required to do so for and is not sold, bartered, rented, or otherwise distributed.

By signing and dating this document, I certify that the information contained in this Application and any attachments is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and submitted as true and correct in accordance with the OSFC/PSFA certification testing policy and in accordance with Pennsylvania Crimes Code 18 Pa C.S. 4904, relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities.

[Click Here to View Candidate Handbook](#)

Signature of Candidate

Date

Test Site Official Use Only: Test Site: _____	Test Site Number: _____
Date Application Received at Test Site _____	Date Application Approved: _____
Candidate Number: _____ Written Exam Results ____ PASS ____ FAIL Skills Exam Results ____ PASS ____ FAIL	

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SECTION II

Chapter 77, Section 7713 of Title 35 Health and Safety, Part V of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code reads:

“A person convicted of violating 18 Pa. C. S. § 3301 (relating to arson and related offenses) or any similar offense under Federal or State law shall be prohibited from serving as a firefighter in this Commonwealth and shall be prohibited from being certified as a firefighter under Subchapter F of Chapter 73 (relating to State Fire Commissioner).”

All individuals making application for certification testing must provide documentation of a background check. Proof of a non-conviction MUST consist of *either* of the following:

1. An official criminal history record check obtained pursuant to Chapter 91 (relating to criminal history record information) indicating no arson convictions.

OR

2. By dating and signing the following statement by the person swearing to the following:

“I have never been convicted of an offense that constitutes the crime of “arson and related offenses” under 18 Pa. C.S. 3301 or any similar offense under any Federal or State law.

I hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly make any false statement herein, I am subject to penalties prescribed by law, including, but not limited to, a fine of at least \$1,000.00”

Signature of Certification Candidate

Name of Certification Candidate (please print or type)

Date

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SECTION III - Please read and complete all information:

A candidate should meet the requirements of *NFPA 1580 (2025) Standard for Emergency Responder Occupational Health and Wellness* prior to physical testing to ensure his/her ability to safely perform the required tasks.

During your participation in certification testing, in the event of injury/illness are you protected by an insurance carrier providing hospitalization and/or Workmen's Compensation? YES___ NO___

Liability Waiver

I, the undersigned, have hospitalization insurance and do hereby release the following individuals and organizations from any and all liabilities or causes of action for any injuries or illness incurred during or after my participation in the Voluntary Certification Program Test sponsored by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner/Pennsylvania State Fire Academy, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and hosted by the

(Name of Test Site)

This release covers all the aforementioned individuals and agencies as well as their agents, employees, or volunteers participating in this event.

This release covers all injuries or illnesses occurring during or because of the activities engaged in by the undersigned during the Voluntary Certification test including any injuries which might result from physical abuse from third party participants or other individuals in or around the area where the examination is being conducted.

This release is intended to release all injuries, damages, or lawsuits to the undersigned person and property, whether known, unknown, foreseen, unforeseen, patent, or latent which the undersigned may have against the Office of the State Fire Commissioner, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Host Entity, or its agents as listed above. The undersigned understands and acknowledges the significance and consequence of such specific intentions to release all claims, and hereby assumes full responsibility for any injuries, damages, or losses that may occur from the above-mentioned event.

By signing and dating of this document **I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE** that **I HAVE READ THE CONTENTS** of this waiver, and that **I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SAID CONTENTS** of the release, and that **I HAVE SIGNED INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND.**

Candidate Name (Print or Type)

Signature of Candidate

Date

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SECTION IV

It is understood that the candidate registered on this form does so with full knowledge, consent, and approval of the named organization on Page One of this application; furthermore, the candidate is protected by an insurance carrier or by the organization. Additionally, I attest the candidate meets the requirements as noted in **Section III** of this application. Participation approved by:

Chief Officer Name (Print or Type)

Daytime Phone

Email

Signature of Chief Officer

Title

Date

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SECTION V

REQUIREMENT:

Candidates **MUST** be trained or certified at the Hazardous Materials Operations Level in accordance with NFPA 1072 (2017), Chapter 5 (Core Competencies) and Chapter 6 (Mission-Specifics) Section 6.2 (PPE) and Section 6.6 (Product Control), **OR** NFPA 470 (2022) *Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Standard for Responders*. Training standards as outlined in Chapters 6 and Chapter 8, Section 8.2 (PPE) and Section 8.6 (Product Control) or in Certification standards as outlined in Chapter 7 and Chapter 9, Section 9.2 (PPE) and Section 9.6 (Product Control)

Attach a copy of one of the following recognized certificates. Training certificates **MUST** be from the PSFA-approved Jones & Bartlett curriculum **OR** the PSFA-approved IFSTA curriculum.

- ☐ Hazardous Materials Operations Level training **OR**
- ☐ Hazardous Materials Operations Level Annual Refresher training (**candidate must have completed an approved operations initial course**) **OR**
- ☐ Hazardous Materials Operations Level Responder National Certification (ProBoard or IFSAC)

NOTE: The certificate (training, refresher training, or certification) **MUST** be current and dated within one (1) year of the certification application and **MUST** meet the requirements of NFPA 1072 (2017) **OR** NFPA 470 (2022).

Chapter 13 JPR 8.1 General (13.1.2, 13.1.3, 13.1.4) NFPA 470 (2022 Edition)

The candidate shall be trained and certified to meet JPRs 5.1 – 5.4 awareness level (Chapter 5) and JPRs 7.2 – 7.6 operations level (Chapter 7), and all competencies of this chapter. Attach copies of the following:

- ☐ NFPA 472 or 1072 Hazardous Materials Awareness Level Certification – Certificate # _____ **AND**
- ☐ NFPA 472 or 1072 Hazardous Materials Operations Level Certification – Certificate # _____
(HMO-Core, PPE & Product Control) **AND**
- ☐ NFPA 472 Hazardous Materials Operations Level Annual Refresher.

NOTE: Training or certification must be within one (1) year of date of this application. If the certification is greater than one (1) year, the candidate must provide a certificate showing proof of having successfully completed an approved hazardous materials operations level annual refresher training program.

Chapter 13 JPR 13.1.5:

The candidate shall have knowledge of the Incident Management System/Incident Command System (IMS/ICS) and the importance of command presence. Provide a copy of one of the following:

- ☐ Incident Command System Course - National Fire Academy
- ☐ NIMS ICS for Fire Service
- ☐ Incident Command System and Resource Management for the Fire Service
- ☐ NIMS ICS for EMS

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REQUIREMENT: Chapter 13 JPR 13.6 (Termination) NFPA 470 (2022 Edition)

The candidate shall provide a one–page essay (no less than 150 words) narrating the overall incident (i.e., initiation to termination). Items to address along with the narrative of the incident include:

- reporting / documentation requirements (i.e., Federal, state, and local agencies);
- importance of documentation (i.e., training records, exposure records, incident reports and critiques);
- importance of keeping activity logs and exposure records;
- procedures regarding legal documentation and chain of custody per a SOP or emergency response plan.

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Prerequisite Verification Form

Candidate Name: _____

My signature below indicates I read and understand the requirements for certifying as a Hazardous Materials Incident Commander. Furthermore, I meet the pre-requisites established by the Standard or the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

- _____ I am 18 years of age or older;
- _____ I signed the Chapter 77, Section 7713 of Title 35 form or have provided an official criminal history record check obtained pursuant to Chapter 91;
- _____ I signed the application;
- _____ I had a chief officer sign in the required items in Section IV of this application;
- _____ I attached a copy of Hazardous Materials Awareness Certification Certificate;
- _____ I attached a copy of Hazardous Materials Operations Certification Certificate;
- _____ I attached the essay.

Testing Assistance

- _____ I am physically capable of completing the practical skill exercises.
- _____ I can read and comprehend the written test and related materials.
- _____ I **will not** be submitting a request for accommodation for National Certification exam.

OR

- _____ I **will** be submitting a request for accommodation for the National Certification exam. I understand that I **MUST** contact the Certification Program Manager no later than two weeks prior to the certification exam.

Candidate Name (Print or Type)

Signature of Candidate

Date