



PENNSYLVANIA STATE FIRE ACADEMY

SURFACE WATER AWARENESS SKILL STATIONS

Effective March 1, 2026:

- All certification candidates are required to maintain an active Acadis user portal account. (Acadis portal location = OSFC website/ Training and Certification Portal, or click here: [ENVISAGE Acadis®](#))
- All certification candidates are to be registered with the designated test site and rostered for the certification test.
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Skill Stations

NFPA 1006 Surface Water Rescue Awareness – Chapter 17 (2021 Edition)

Station A	Size Up & Initial Actions (1 Evaluator)	17.1.1, 17.1.2, 17.1.3, 17.1.4	Mandatory Station
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STATION A – Size Up & Initial Actions		Reference NFPA 1006 (2021 Edition), Chapter 17 Mandatory Station: JPRs 17.1.1, 17.1.2, 17.1.3, 17.1.4	
Test Site	Test Date	Candidate #	Check the Test Type ____Initial ____Retest

Evaluator Note: The station scenario will involve a missing recreational boater in a surface water environment (water moving less than 1 knot). The evaluator will serve as a witness to the incident and as an arriving technical rescue officer to receive a briefing from the candidate. The candidate will complete an ICS 201 or Tactical Worksheet to convey critical information to the evaluator.

Directions: Given a surface water rescue incident and background information, the candidate will size up the incident, identify incident hazards, interview witnesses, initiate isolation and scene control procedures, and recognize the need for additional technical rescue resources so that the incident scene is isolated and controlled, additional resource needs are identified and requested, and incident hazards are identified.

Performance Outcome: Pass / Fail is determined by **All** tasks being performed correctly.

No.	Tasks	Yes	No
1	Establishes an identifiable incident management system		
2	Initiates scene control and isolation procedures		
3	Utilizes and interprets provided reference materials		
4	Identifies the number of victims, victim condition, and possible victim location(s)		
5	Performs a size-up and provides an initial report to incoming units, including water conditions, hazards, and hydrological features		
6	Completes ICS 201 or Tactical Worksheet in an appropriate manner		
7	Identifies appropriate PPE		
8	Requests additional appropriate rescue resources		
9	Transfers command and provides a briefing to the first arriving supervisor		
10	All tasks were completed safely		
Please indicate skill outcome		PASS	FAIL

Evaluator Comments: _____

Evaluator Signature: _____

Evaluator # _____