



**Denton Fire Department
Fire Driver
Promotional Test Appeal**

APPEAL OF EXAMINATION QUESTION

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EXAMINATION TITLE: **Fire Driver**

TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 12

EXAMINATION DATE: **March 6, 2026**

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

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The question is confusing on how it is written.
In the book Level 1 is perception which the last
sentence of the question asks about applying
to our perception. The question never mentions
Comprehension which is level 2. Due to the
question being confusing I believe Both C + D
should be considered correct, Ch 3 pg 95
under situation awareness Levels 1 + Levels.

The following questions are from Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness

12. In Level _____ of the situational awareness process, our knowledge and past experiences apply to our perception.

- a. Four
- b. Three
- c. One
- d. Two

Answer key: (d) Pg 95

Appeals: 1

Department Response: Sustain the key. Answer is verbatim from text on page 95. The text states that Level 1 is “Perception – Perceive the situation around us.” Then, the text states that Level 2 is “Comprehension—Apply our knowledge and past experiences to our perception and develop an understanding of the meaning of the situation.” So while perception is mentioned in Level 1, Level 2 is clearly building and expounding upon the basic perception developed in Level 1.



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EXAMINATION TITLE: **Fire Driver**

TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 16

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

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In Ch 9 pages 299-301 this is the pre plan or pre incident section which goes over all the indepth size up processes. In the question it asks what is the most intense part of the size up process. I understood that as asking what part goes more indepth of the size up or prepares ~~more~~ more for it because the pre plan phase is definittly more taxing & has way more steps in gathering info for the size up process. For that reason I believe C, during the pre plan phase should be the correct answer.

The following questions are from Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness

16. The most intense part of the size up process occurs _____.
- a. upon arrival at an emergency incident scene
 - b. while fire operations are on going
 - c. during the pre-plan phase
 - d. upon dispatch of the incident

Answer key: (a) Pg 303

Appeals: 1

Department Response: **Sustain the key.** Answer is verbatim from text on page 303. The appellant explains that they misunderstood the question to ask what the most in-depth part of the size up is. The best answer to the most intense part of the size up is answer A.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 28

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

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I WILL CONCERN THAT THE KEYED ANSWER "A" IS A DIRECT QUOTE FROM THE BOOK, BUT... ANSWER "B" IS ALSO CORRECT. THE KEYED ANSWER IS MERELY ONE SENTENCE IN THE BOOK, BUT THE EXAMPLE THEY USE TO DISCUSS THAT IS TWO PARAGRAPHS ON PAGE 33 DISCUSSING HOSE OPERATIONS. THOSE PARAGRAPHS CAN BE FOUND IN COLUMN 1 PARAGRAPHS 2+3 BEGINNING AT "BUILDING A SOLID TEAM..." AND ENDING AT THE "SAFETY TIP" THE ENTIRETY OF THESE PARAGRAPHS DISCUSS HOSE LINE OPERATIONS BETWEEN PACKING HOSE TO PULLING HOSE TO WAITING ON WATER & DELIVERING WATER SUPPLY.

The following questions are from Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator

28. The more the crew knows about the driver/operator's roles and responsibilities, the

_____.

- a. stronger the crew synergy becomes
- b. greater the understanding of hoseline operations
- c. less likely they are to criticize the driver/operator whenever there is an issue
- d. more willing people become to seek out a position as a driver/operator

Answer key: (a) Pg 32

Appeals: 1

Department Response: **Sustain the key.** Answer is verbatim from text on page 32. The appellant states that the examples in the text discuss hose operations. However, the text does not use the phrase "hoseline operations." The examples in the text are further explaining how educating a crew about driver responsibilities will improve teamwork and build trust.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 29

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

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Despite Answer "A" Being line-for-line to the question, I Believe Answer "D" is also an appropriate choice. Looking at the glossary definitions of solute, solution, and solvent, I believe a "dissolved substance" could also be qualified as a "particulate matter suspended in water." Pg 778

The following questions are from Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator

29. The amount of particulate matter suspended in water is known as _____.

- a. turbidity
- b. its hardness
- c. viscosity
- d. solubility

Answer key: (a) Pg 75

Appeals: 1

Department Response: Sustain the key. Answer is verbatim from text on page 75. The appellant felt that solubility should also be accepted; however, solubility is not found anywhere in the text and a solution is when a solute has *dissolved* in a solvent while turbidity is when a particulate is *suspended* (not dissolved).



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 33

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

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If the site is unsafe then you'll never use the site you found. From Ch 12 pages 421-431 it talks about how you'll only use safe drafting sites regardless of how many you find. That's why finding a safe location is the first option.

The following questions are from Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator

- 33. The first step in preparing to draft from a water source is to _____.**
- a. connect the suction hose and place into the water source
 - b. park the apparatus in a safe location
 - c. **find the water source**
 - d. place the appropriate strainer onto the suction hose

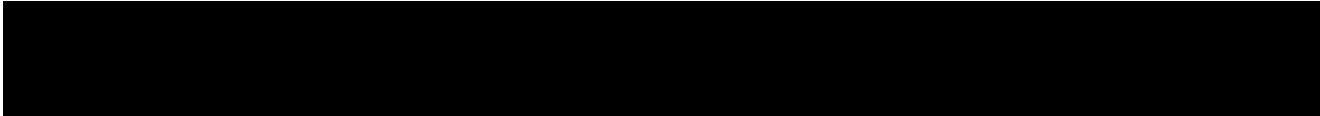
Answer key: (c) Pg 428

Appeals: 1

Department Response: **Sustain the key.** Answer is verbatim from text on page 428. In addition, the text further supports that answer on page 421, just under the section titled "Selecting a Drafting Site." The paragraph explains that when a drafting site must be selected, the most important consideration is the reliability of the source, then after that has been established, operational requirements can be considered. It goes on to state, "These include the purpose of the site and the positioning of the fire apparatus." Hence, after the water source is chosen, then parking in a safe location is considered.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 42

EXAMINATION DATE: March 6, 2026

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: Fire

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

- The keyed answer is not correct. Answer is the correct answer and should be allowed for credit instead of the keyed answer.
Another answer, A is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
The question is faulty because there is no correct answer among the choices. All answers should be graded correct.

Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

Ch 2. pg. 27-35 yes columns fail more suddenly but beams are more likely to fail and once at failure point they both will fail suddenly.

The following questions are from Building Construction for the Fire Service

42. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- a. The failure of a beam is likely to be much more sudden than the failure of a column.
- b. The failure of a column is likely to occur much more suddenly than the failure of a beam.
- c. Failures in columns and beams usually occur in a similar fashion.
- d. There are too many variables to make a generalized comparison of the failure of beams and columns

Answer key: (b) Pg 50

Appeals: 1

Department Response: **Sustain the key.** Answer is verbatim from text on page 50. The appellant claims that beams are more likely to fail than columns; however the statement in question is in regards to how sudden the failure is, not how likely the failure is.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 62

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

- The keyed answer _____ is not correct. Answer _____ is the correct answer and should be allowed for credit instead of the keyed answer.
- Another answer, D is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
- The question is faulty because there is no correct answer among the choices. All answers should be graded correct.

Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

Ch. 9 pg 257 + 258 states inspecting & examining the roof before cutting. Wore always goes to inspect the roof before any cut is made. We examine what type of roof it is. What the integrity of the roof is materials, slope, high low points, and fire location. So examining the roof will happen before any cut. Which is why d should be correct also.

The following questions are from Fire Officer's Handbook of Tactics

62. Making a trench cut on a roof should not be started until

- a. the fire is extinguished.
- b. the main ventilation hole has been completed.
- c. it is determined the roof is an arched roof.
- d. the roof is examined for high and low points.

Answer key: (b) Pg 258

Appeals: 1

Department Response: Sustain the key. Answer is verbatim from text on page 258. The appellant claims that examination of the roof will occur before any cut. The text clearly states that making a trench cut “must not begin until the main ventilation hole has been completed.” The previous paragraph also reiterates this point.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 63

EXAMINATION DATE: **March 6, 2026**

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

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- Another answer, D is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
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PAGE # 83, FIRE OFFICER'S HANDBOOK OF TACTICS

THE "RULE OF THUMB" IS AN INACCURATE RULE CONSIDERING THE EXAMPLES THAT FOLLOW.

EXAMPLE: A 15/16" tip AS A MAXIMUM ALLOWED OPENING ON A 1/4" SUPPLY IS GREATER THAN 1/2 OF THAT DIAMETER.

THE FIRST SENTENCE ON THE NEXT PARAGRAPH STATES "IT IS POSSIBLE TO USE A LARGER TIP IF THE HOSE STRETCH IS KEPT SHORT AND THE DISCHARGE PRESSURE IS RAISED SUFFICIENTLY..."

"NO NOZZLE SHOULD HAVE AN OPENING GREATER THAN HALF THE DIAMETER OF ITS SUPPLY." NOT A RULE OF THUMB.

GENERALLY AT DENTON FD, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE CORRECT TIP SIZE FOR THE JOB AND SUPPLY. NOT HAVING AN OPENING GREATER THAN THE DIAMETER

... OF ITS SUPPLY IS A MORE APPROPRIATE "RULE OF THUMB" FOR US

The following questions are from Fire Officer's Handbook of Tactics

63. As a rule of thumb, no nozzle should have an opening greater than

- a. one inch.
- b. two inches.
- c. one-half the diameter of its supply.
- d. the diameter of its supply.

Answer key: (c) Pg 83

Appeals: 1

Department Response: Sustain the key. Answer is verbatim from text on page 83 and that is the most appropriate answer.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 64

EXAMINATION DATE: **March 6, 2026**

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

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When discussing ladder selection the length is irrelevant if the ladder is unsafe. Safety and length go hand in hand. The perfect length ladder does no good if it's been tagged as unsafe and the opposite is also true.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 64

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Since when is safety NOT a important
factor affecting ladder selection

EX 35foot, power ladders weight, single, multiple?



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 6d1

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

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pg. 169 "Guidelines for the safe use of ladders"
1.) ... It is far safer to go back and get proper ladder

Questions and answers slightly contradictory. By following guidelines it is safer to get proper ladder which would include length, durability. So by this statement "Safety" comes before selecting a length.

The following questions are from Fire Officer's Handbook of Tactics

64. The most important factor affecting ladder selection is

- a. safety.
- b. cost.
- c. durability.
- d. length.

Answer key: (d) Pg 165

Appeals: 3

Department Response: **Sustain the key.** Answer is verbatim from text on page 165. Under the heading, "Factors Affecting Ladder Selection," the text states, "Of all the factors affecting ladder selection, whether for purchasing or use, the single most important item must be its length. The strongest, lightest, *safest* ladder in the world is of absolutely no value if it is unable to reach the objective." No appellant cites any contradictory statements in the text. One appellant cites page 169 "Guidelines for the Safe Use of Ladders" and the first statement is "1. Use the proper **length** and type of ladder. Don't attempt to improvise except to save a life. It is far safer to go back and get the proper ladder." This text implies that the safer ladder is one of the *correct length*. The text on pages 164-165 under "Laddering" also discuss the importances of correct length. Safety is never mentioned as a factor affecting ladder selection.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 65

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

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Source Material states "the ultimate destination of the hose" & that is not a choice. The Keyed Answer is not cited in the passage.

The following questions are from Fire Officer's Handbook of Tactics

65. Of the three items considered in putting a hose line into operation, the _____ will probably have the greatest effect on the fire.

- a. age, size and type of hose
- b. placement of the hose line
- c. durability of the hose line
- d. maneuverability of the hose line

Answer key: (b) Pg 75

Appeals: 1

Department Response: **Sustain the key.** The actual statement from the text is, "Of the three items to consider when putting a line into operation, the ultimate destination of the hose will probably have the greatest effect on the fire." However, the heading immediately above that statement is "The Placement of Hoselines." Also, the most similar answer to "ultimate destination" would be "placement."



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 73

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

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- Another answer, A is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
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pp 278, "once the fire has been brought under control and conditions start to improve, it is time to begin the secondary search". This sentence exactly describes the containment phase.

The following questions are from Fire Officer's Handbook of Tactics

73. The secondary search is often combined with the _____ phase.

- a. containment
- b. postcontrol overhaul
- c. suppression
- d. none of the above

Answer key: (b) Pg 278

Appeals: 1

Department Response: Sustain the key. Answer is verbatim from text on page 278. The text states, "Once the visible fire has been brought under control and conditions start to improve, it is time to begin the secondary search. This is often combined with the postcontrol overhaul phase." The appellant states that the containment phase is described as "the visible fire has been brought under control and conditions start to improve"; however, the text clarifies that AFTER this happens, the secondary search begins. The question asks what phase is COMBINED with the secondary search, which is the postcontrol overhaul.



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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

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Pg. 547

In first paragraph when discussing Class 2 construction (metal or noncombustible) as the least resistant to collapse when exposed to fire it specifically uses example of steel I-Beam and the pushing down columns. Uses specifically I-Beam multiple times

I believe both answers A+B could be correct and view B as more correct because it is used ~~as~~ in example explaining Class 2 construction and collapse. Obviously it needed clarification and example was needed.

The following questions are from Fire Officer's Handbook of Tactics

74. Which of the following types of construction is the least resistant to collapse when exposed to fire?

- a. metal or non-combustible
- b. poured concrete or steel I-beams
- c. ordinary brick with wood joists
- d. wood frame construction

Answer key: (a) Pg 547

Appeals: 1

Department Response: **Sustain the key.** Answer is verbatim from text on page 547. The appellant claims that the text gives the example of steel I-beams. However, the question asks for the *TYPE of construction* that is least resistant to collapse and “metal or non-combustible” is a type of construction whereas “poured concrete or steel I-beams” are construction materials that can be present in multiple different construction types. Therefore, A is the best choice.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 88

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Transcription is the "method ~~of~~ by which a code is adopted"

If a entire code is in regulation it would be verbatim of that code.

Is question asking the method of ~~of~~ adopting a code or asking once a code is already adopted.

I believe this is bad question and both answers could be correct based on interpretation of question.

The following questions are from Fire Protection, Detection, and Suppression Systems

88. When an entire code is copied into regulation, it is known as _____.

- a. consensus
- b. verbatim
- c. transcription
- d. legislative

Answer key: (c) Pg 18

Appeals: 1

Department Response: **Sustain the key.** Answer is verbatim from text on page 18. The definition of transcription in this text is “where the entire code is copied into regulation” and it states that this is a method of adopting a code. The word “verbatim” is not used in this text and is not associated with code adoption.