



FIRE & EMS MESSAGE



FIREFIGHTER MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING AND WRITTEN POLICIES

The [New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Division of Fire Safety](#) posted an [Alert](#) on its website that lists mandatory qualifications and training for firefighters, as well as written policies for fire agencies. This message reminds fire service leaders of the resources provided by the [MEL Safety Institute \(MSI\)](#) to assist them in meeting the requirements.

Mandatory Policy or Procedure – DFS	Citation	MSI Resource
Incident Management System	NJAC 5:75-2	Incident Management System Model Policy
Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment	NJAC 5:75-1	Emergency Deployment Model Policy
PEOSH Standards for Firefighters	NJAC 12:100-10	See below
Recommended Policy or Procedure – DFS		
NFPA Organization & Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations by Career or Volunteer Fire Departments	NFPA 1710 NFPA 1720	
NFPA Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness;	NFPA 1500-4.2	Medical Evaluation Model Policies PEOSH-based and NFPA 1582-based
Mandatory Policies or Procedures - PEOSH		
PEOSH Firefighter Standards: Basic Organization Structure of the Fire Service	NJAC 12:100-10.3	
Turnout Gear	NJAC 12:100-10.5 to .10	Turnout Gear Model Policy
Life Safety Rope, Harness, and Hardware	NJAC 12:100-10.11	Rope Rescue Model Policy
Personal Alert Safety System	NJAC 12:100-10.12	Personal Alert System (PASS) Model Policy
Hearing Protection	NJAC 12:100-10.13	Hearing Protection Model Policy
Filling Air Cylinders	NJAC 12:100-10.14	Included in Respiratory Protection Model Policy
Fire Apparatus Operations	NJAC 12:100-10.15	Operating Agency Vehicles Model Policy
Maintenance of Firefighter Equipment	NJAC 12:100-10.16	Included in each piece of equipment policy
Exposure Control / Bloodborne Pathogens	29 CFR 1910.1030	Exposure Control (BBP) Model Policy
General Industry Asbestos	29 CFR 1910.1001	Asbestos Model Policy
Hazard Communication	29 CFR 1910.1200 NJAC 12:100-10.5-9	HazCom & RTK Model Policy
Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response	29 CFR 1910.120	Hazardous Material Response Model Policy

Indoor Air Quality	NJAC 12-100-13	Indoor Air Quality Model Policy
Medical Services and First Aid	29 CFR 1910.151	Included in the Emergency Action Plan
Personal Protective Equipment	29 CFR 1910.132 - 138 NJAC 12:100-10.5 - 9	PPE & Non-Emergency Tasks Model Policy
Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses	29 CFR 1904	Injury & Acure Illness Reporting, Recording, and Investigation Model Policy
Respiratory Protection	29 CFR 1910.134 NJAC 12:100-10.10	Respiratory Protection Model Policy
Sanitation	29 CFR 1910.141	Station Sanitation, Security & Safety Model Policy
Prevention of Occupational Exposure to Tuberculosis	No citation provided	Preventing Exposure to Airborne Pathogens Model Policy

[Emergency Action and Fire Prevention Model Policy](#) are other policies not listed in the Alert but often cited as missing.

All of the Model Policies are in Word format, making it easy for members to edit, copy, and paste into their policy format or template.

Many of the written policies listed above also require associated training, MSI provides training in the following topics:

- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Hazard Communication and NJ Worker and Community Right-to-Know
- Confined Space Awareness
- CEVO – Fire (also Ambulance)
- Personal Protective Equipment

Classes are offered on both the [MSI LIVE](#) and [MSI NOW](#) platforms, you can view the [MSI Catalog](#) for all our courses.