

## **Bucks County Career Fire Chiefs Association, Consortium Testing Information**

**Registration: All interested parties must register for the exam at [www.FirefighterApp.com](http://www.FirefighterApp.com)**

### Written Examination details:

#### 1. Written Testing Location

Bucks County Public Safety Training Center, 1760 South Easton Road, Doylestown PA  
18901

#### 2. Testing Date/Time:

a. Testing Date: Tuesday November 11, 2025

b. Testing will start at: 7:00PM (Registration is 30 minutes prior)

c. Every candidate must present a valid government issues Photo Identification (driver license, military ID, etc.). NO Photo ID, NO exam.

#### 3. Written Examination will consist of 100 questions from the following areas:

i. 80 Question from Fire Fighter 1

ii. 20 Questions from Hazardous Materials Operations (CORE/PPE/PC)

#### 4. Questions will come from the following Textbooks:

a. Fire Fighter 1: “Essentials of Fire Fighting,” IFSTA, Seventh Edition

b. Hazardous Materials Operations: “Hazardous Materials for First Responders,” IFSTA, Sixth Edition.

### Physical Agility Examination

#### 1. Physical Agility Testing Location

Bucks County Public Safety Training Center, 1760 South Easton Road, Doylestown PA  
18901

#### 2. Physical Agility Testing Date/Time

a. Testing Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025

i. Inclement Weather Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 (Same time and location)

b. Testing will start at 8:00AM (Registration is 30 minutes prior)

c. Every candidate must present a valid government issues Photo Identification (driver license, military ID, etc.). NO Photo ID, NO exam.

3. All Candidates will be required to wear long pants, long sleeves, closed toed shoes (sneakers or work boots), helmet (hard hat or fire helmet), and gloves (work or fire).

4. Candidates will be required to wear a weighted vest and hard hat provided; or they can wear your own fire helmet.

## **Physical Agility Skills**

### **Physical Agility Rules**

Following the written test, selected candidates will participate in the physical agility test. The firefighter must be in good physical condition, including the various components of strength, power, endurance and agility. The physical agility module is designed to test these components. The applicants will rotate through each of the eight (8) stations.

The test is pass/fail; however, certain events or situations may occur that warrant a second attempt at the station.

Second attempts will be considered on a case-by-case basis. All decisions are considered final and will be made by the Test Site Coordinator. Candidates are not to ask evaluators if they passed or failed any of the skill stations.

All Candidates will be required to wear long pants, long sleeves, closed toed shoes (sneakers or work boots), helmet (hardhat or fire helmet), and gloves (work or fire).

Candidates will be required to wear a weighted vest and hard hat provided; or the candidate can wear their own fire helmet.

The events are placed in a sequence with an 85' walk in between to prevent exhaustion. During the test, candidates are not permitted to run between events. If the candidate runs between events, they will be given one warning. *Running a second time constitutes a failure.*

**There is an overall time of 12 minutes to complete the test. Candidates will be permitted to complete the test and the test time recorded if the candidate goes passed the allotted test time.**

**\*\* These agility events are timed \*\***

### **EVENT 1 - STAIR CLIMB**

Starting from a standing position on the ground floor and at the base of an interior stairway, ascend the interior stairway to the top floor. Once the top floor has been reached, the candidate will then descend the stairway to the ground floor.

**The following practices are allowed:**

- While the candidate is ascending the stairway, the candidate can skip steps.

**The following practice constitutes a failure:**

- While descending the stairway, the candidate must use all steps (no skipping of steps)
- While ascending or descending the stairway, the candidate is not permitted to touch the railing.
  - The first occurrence is a warning.
  - Second occurrence is a failure.
- If the candidate slips, falls, or trips while ascending or descending the stairway.
- The candidate receives a third infraction for grasping or bearing weight on the handrails

### **EVENT 2 - HOSE DRAG**

This event uses a 200' 1 3/4" uncharged hose line and nozzle. The hose is marked at 8' from the nozzle indicating the length of hose allowed to be draped over their shoulder or chest. During the event, the candidate will grasp the nozzle and drag the hose 75' around a barrel to a box at which time they will turn and drop to one knee and drag 50' of hose into the box. Running is allowed while dragging the hose.

**The following practices are allowed:**

- The candidate is given one warning to stay in the box with one knee down
- The candidate is allowed to run during hose drag

**The following practice constitutes a failure:**

- The candidate fails to go around drum
- The candidate travels outside of the marked path
- The candidate takes two steps out of the box
- The candidate receives second infraction for knee up or out of the box

### **EVENT 3 - EQUIPMENT CARRY**

During this event the candidate removes two saws, one at a time from the shelf and places them on the ground, then picks them both up, one in each hand, and then walks 75' around a barrel and back. Then the candidate places both tools on the ground and then, one at a time, replaces both tools back on the shelf.

**The following practices are allowed:**

- The candidate is given one warning for running.
- The candidate is given one opportunity to stop, placing the tools on the ground, re-adjust their grip on the tools.

**The following practice constitutes a failure:**

- The candidate drops either saw during the carry
- The candidate receives a second infraction for running with the saws

### **EVENT 4 - LADDER RAISE EXTENSION**

This task simulates the actions necessary to raise a 24' extension ladder and walk it up until it is stationary against a wall. This must be completed in a hand-over-hand method touching every rung. The candidate must not use the rails. The candidate then uses the hand-over-hand method and grasps the halyard raising to the top and locking the dogs in place (The Dogs must be secured to the 3rd rung from the top). The candidate will then lower back down the fly section in a controlled manner and then lower the ladder to the ground.

**The following practices are allowed:**

- The candidate is given one warning for missing a rung during the raise

**The following practice constitutes a failure:**

- The candidate receives a second infraction for missing a rung during the raise and lower
- The candidate allows the ladder to fall during the raise or lower
- The candidate does not control the halyard and allows the halyard to slide through their hands
- The candidate fails to lock the dogs in place
- The candidate allows the ladder to fall while raising or lowering

### **EVENT 5 - FORCIBLE ENTRY**

During this event, the candidate will swing a sledgehammer to force open a simulated door prop.

**The following practices are allowed:**

- The candidate is allowed to reposition their grip on the sledgehammer

**The following practice constitutes a failure:**

- The candidate loses control of the hammer while swinging
- The candidate fails to open the door after swinging the sledgehammer fifteen (15) times

### **EVENT 6 - SEARCH**

During this event the candidate will crawl through a darkened maze while navigating obstacles.

**The following practices constitutes a failure:**

- The candidate fails to navigate obstacles and needs to be assisted out of the maze
- The candidate calls out to end the event

### **EVENT 7 – RESCUE / DUMMY DRAG**

During this event the candidate will grasp shoulder handles on a mannequin and drag it 35’ around a drum returning to the start/finish line. The mannequin must cross the start finish line completely.

**The following practice are allowed:**

- The candidate receives one warning for resting or grabbing the drum
- The candidate is permitted to grasp one or both of the handles
- The candidate is permitted to lower the mannequin to the ground to reposition their grip.

**The following practices constitute a failure:**

- The candidate receives a second infraction for grabbing or resting on the drum

### **EVENT 8 - CEILING BREACH AND PULL**

During this event the candidate will step into box and use a pike pole to push up a weighted trap door three times and then reposition the hook and pull down a ceiling device 5 times. Each set consists of 3 pushes and 5 pulls. The candidate repeats the set 4 times. If the candidates fails to complete a cycle (i.e. Complete the up or down) the proctor calls out ‘MISS’ and that cycle is not counted.

**The following practices is allowed:**

- The candidate receives one warning for stepping out of the box
- The candidate receives one warning for dropping to pike pole to the ground
- The candidate is permitted to stop and re-establish grip on the pike pole

**The following practices constitutes a failure:**

- The candidate receives a second infraction for stepping outside of the box
- The candidate receives a second infraction for dropping the pike pole