



# Fire Protection Training

Procedures Handbook 4300

FIREFIGHTER SAFETY

**TOPIC:** The "10 Standard Firefighting Orders"

**TIME FRAME:** 30 Minutes

**LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION:**

**BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE:**

*Condition:* A written or oral quiz

*Behavior:* The student will list or recite the 10 standard orders.

*Standard:* With a minimum of 70% accuracy

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

- Chalkboard,
- Chalk
- Overheads
- Overhead projector
- Handouts
- Wallet sized card with 10 and 13

**REFERENCES:**

- Wildland Firefighting, Clayton, Day and McFadden, Chapter 12
- IFSTA, Ground Cover Fire Fighting Practices, 2nd Edition, Chapter 6
- Fire Fighter Safety and Survival Course

**PREPARATION:** Wildland firefighting is a dangerous job. It requires that you be thoroughly familiar and aware of the hazards involved on the fire line. Your life and the lives of others may depend upon your ability to recognize a dangerous situation before it develops. All personnel in CDF have an obligation to work safely and to protect themselves and others from injury.



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PRESENTATION	APPLICATION
<p><b>I. THE "10 STANDARD FIREFIGHTING ORDERS"</b></p> <p>A. Keep Informed on Fire Weather Conditions and Forecasts.</p> <p>B. Know What Your Fire is Doing at All Times; Observe Personally, Use Scouts.</p> <p>C. Base All Action on Current and Expected Fire Behavior.</p> <p>D. Have Escape Routes for Everyone and Make Them Known.</p> <p>E. Post a Lookout when There is Possible Danger.</p> <p>F. Be Alert, Keep Calm, Think Clearly, Act Decisively.</p> <p>G. Maintain Prompt Communication with Your Crew, Your Boss, and Adjoining Forces.</p> <p>H. Give Clear Instructions and Be Sure They are Understood.</p> <p>I. Maintain Control of Your Personnel at All Times.</p> <p>J. Fight Fire Aggressively, but Provide for Safety First.</p>	<p>Review and discuss each.</p> <p>Give short explanations or "war stories" for each order.</p> <p>Standard Firefighting orders form (CDF-302) Office of State Printer (#754-130-0150)</p>

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<p><b>II. AN ALTERNATIVE FOR REMEMBERING THE 10 ORDERS IS TO USE THE "FIRE ORDERS" METHOD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. <b>Fight Fire Aggressively, but Provide for Safety first.</b></li><li>B. <b>Inform Crew of Planned Escape Routes.</b></li><li>C. <b>Remain Calm, Be Alert, Think Clearly, Act Decisively.</b></li><li>D. <b>Establish Lookouts in Hazardous Situations.</b></li><li>E. <b>Observe Personally, Use Scouts, Always Know What Fire is Doing.</b></li><li>F. <b>Review Fire Weather Conditions and Forecasts.</b></li><li>G. <b>Decide Actions Based on Current and Expected Fire Behavior.</b></li><li>H. <b>Explain Orders Clearly and Be Sure They are Understood.</b></li><li>I. <b>Remain in Control of Crew at All Times.</b></li><li>J. <b>Stay in Constant Communications with Crew, Supervisor and Adjoining Forces.</b></li></ul>	<p>Review and discuss.</p> <p>Have student memorize "The 10 Standard Firefighting Orders"</p>

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## ***SUMMARY:***

There are numerous situations which you may find yourself in that could jeopardize your safety and that of your crew. Remembering and understanding the "10 Standard Firefighting Orders" may extricate you from a bad situation.

## ***EVALUATION:***

A written or oral quiz

## ***ASSIGNMENT:***

To be determined by instructor(s)