



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
BUREAU OF AIR QUALITY

### APPLICATION FOR OPEN BURNING EXCEPTION FOR FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTION

Please see the attached instructions for completing, submitting, and processing the Application for Open Burning Exception for Fire Fighting Instruction for assistance in filling out this form. You may either mail or fax the Application to the appropriate office. Always confirm receipt of faxes.

1. Name of Applicant (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Training School, VFD, etc.)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of other participating parties: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Name of person in charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

4. a. Street address and town of site: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Directions to site (from nearest major crossroads): \_\_\_\_\_

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c. Date(s) and time(s) of accredited training: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

d. Type of structure to be burned:  Commercial  Industrial  Institutional/Residential  Public  
 Vehicle  Other

If other, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

e. The distance from proposed burning site to nearest neighboring structure is \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

Nearest structure is:  Residential  Commercial  Industrial  Institutional  Public

f. The name of and distance to nearest stream or body of water: \_\_\_\_\_

g. Name of owner of structure/burn site: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

5. A completed, original, signed Asbestos Abatement and Demolition/Renovation Notification Form (DEP Form 2700-FM-AQ0021) must be submitted to DEP, with a copy to the U.S. EPA, for each and every acquired structure (including residential structures) to be used in the fire fighting training *a minimum of ten working days prior to the scheduled date of the fire fighting training*. However, to insure timely processing of the Application for Open Burning Exception for Fire Fighting Instruction and to avoid a possible delay in the scheduled training, the Department recommends that the Asbestos Abatement and Demolition/Renovation Notification Form be submitted to DEP at the same time as the Application for Open Burning Exception for Fire Fighting Instruction is submitted to the PSFA Field Supervisor. **Please print or type the words "Fire Fighting Training" in box 1 of the Asbestos Abatement and Demolition/Renovation Notification Form to assist in proper processing of the form.** A certified building inspector trained in asbestos inspection must inspect the structure.

5. a. Has a completed, original, signed Asbestos Abatement and Demolition/Renovation Notification Form been submitted to DEP, with a copy to the U.S. EPA?  Yes  No If yes, Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. If an Asbestos Abatement and Demolition/Renovation Notification Form for the acquired structure has **not** been submitted, submit the completed, original, signed Asbestos Abatement Form to DEP and the copy to U.S. EPA at these addresses:

<b>DEP Regular Mail</b>	<b>DEP Overnight/Express Mail/Hand Delivery</b>	<b>U.S. EPA</b>
Asbestos Notification DEP Bureau of Air Quality PO Box 8468 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8468	Asbestos Notification DEP Bureau of Air Quality 400 Market Street – 12 <sup>th</sup> Harrisburg, PA 17101	Asbestos NESHAP Coordinator (3WC32) U.S. EPA Region III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

- c. **A written statement signed by the owner or operator of the structure that identifies the asbestos-containing material (or lack thereof) and guarantees its removal and proper disposal must be attached to this form. All asbestos containing material must be removed and properly disposed of prior to fire training.**

6. This fire fighting training activity must be either part of the PSFA local level training program, or if not a PSFA course, accepted by the PSFA.

- a. Responsible Fire Chief's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Name of Lead Instructor or Trainer (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lead instructor's organization or affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Local/state police notified?  Yes  No      Neighbors notified?  Yes  No  
911 Center notified?  Yes  No      Utilities notified?  Yes  No

d. Note all combustible materials and quantities to be used during the training. List the number of fires to be set using each type of combustible for each fire fighting training exercise:

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\_\_\_\_\_

e. Specific type of training to be conducted (or PSFA Course Title) and justification for training:

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**When the fire fighting instruction is concluded, all fires must be completely extinguished. It shall be the building owner's responsibility to properly demolish and dispose of the remains.**

**This open burning exception is valid only for the dates specified on the application.**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved
PA State Fire Academy Representative Signature: _____	Date: _____

**The open burning exception is not valid without approval by the DEP. See 25 Pa. Code §129.14(c)(2).**

FOR DEP USE ONLY	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved
Reviewed by: _____	Date: _____

**Failure to submit an Application for Open Burning Exception for Fire Fighting Instruction may result in enforcement action including the assessment of civil penalties.**