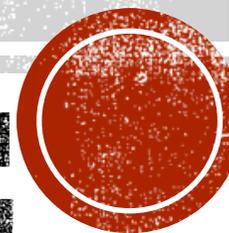




**FIRE SERVICE**

**CERTIFICATION TESTING**



Introduction & Written Exam Instructions



# **SAFETY & CLASSROOM BASICS**

- Location of exists
- Location of restrooms
- In case of Emergency, leave all materials on table and immediately exit the building.





# **ROLE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICER (CO)**

- CO Introduction
- Alaska Fire Standards Council (AFSC) Test Site Representative
- Has overall authority during the entire AFSC certification examination
- CO ensures testing is fair & consistent



# BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION



- Successful completion ensures established NFPA Standards have been met.



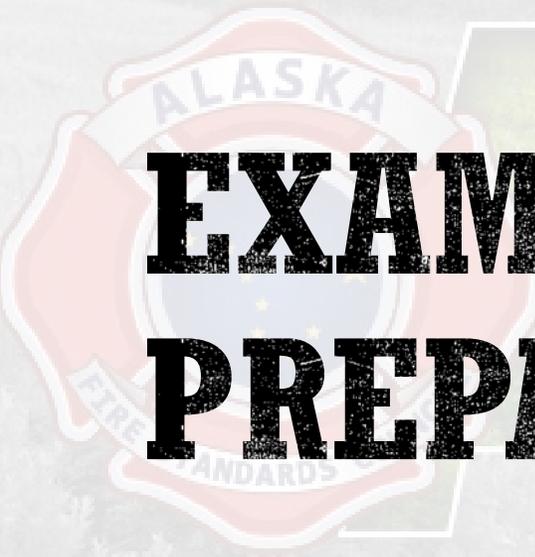
- IFSAC & ProBoard certification is:
  - Credible
  - Portable
- Nationally & Internationally recognized



The logo of the Alaska Fire Standards Council is a red Maltese cross with a white border. The word "ALASKA" is written in white on the top arm, and "FIRE STANDARDS COUNCIL" is written in white on the bottom arm. The background of the slide features a large, faint watermark of the word "ALASKA" in a light green color, with the words "FIRE STANDARDS COUNCIL" in white below it.

# RECERTIFICATION

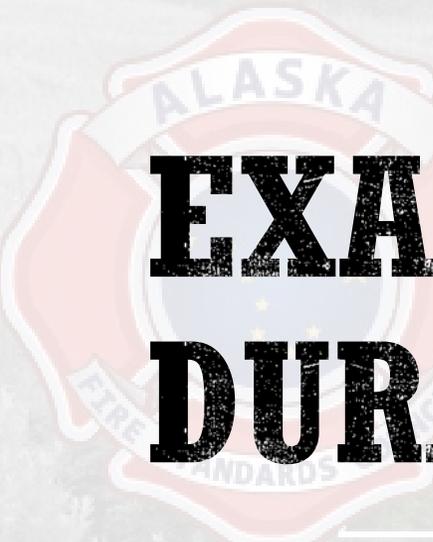
- Most AFSC Fire certifications do not expire; however, certified individuals are responsible for maintaining knowledge and skill requirements after the certification examination is completed.
  - AFSC Fire & Emergency Service Instructor certificates are valid for five (5) calendar years.
  - AFSC Fire Investigator certificates are valid for three (3) calendar years.
  - Certified individuals are responsible for monitoring their certification expiration date.
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- A small, solid red circle is located in the bottom right corner of the slide.



# EXAMINATION PREPARATION

- Remove everything from tabletop except the test packet, pencils and pen.
- DO NOT open test materials until instructed.
- Turn off/silence all cell phones.
- Remove all watches, including traditional ones.



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# EXAM

# DURATION

- 1-hour for 50 questions
- 2-hours for 100 questions
  
- The CO will let you know 10 or 30 minutes prior to conclusion



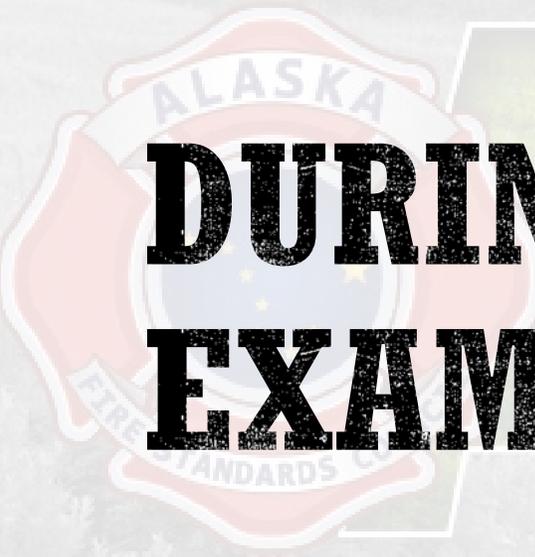


# RESTROOM REQUESTS

## ALASKA FIRE COUNCIL STANDARDS

- Once testing has commenced a raised hand must be used for permission to leave the room.
- Only 1 person in restroom at a time.
- All testing materials must remain on the table.

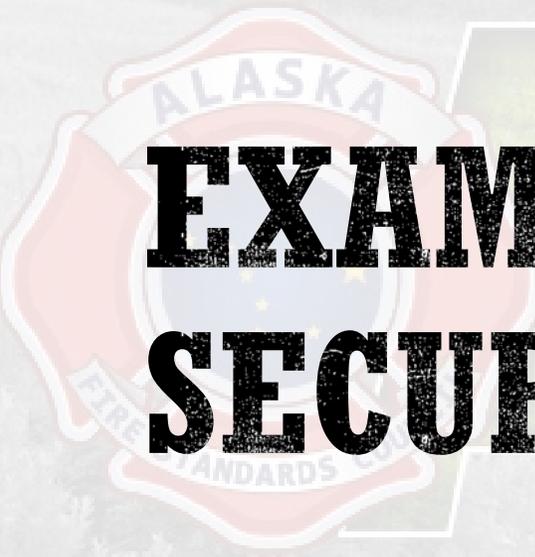




# **DURING THE EXAMINATION**

- CO cannot answer questions about the exam.
- Refrain from discussing or sharing any exam-related content with others, both during or after the exam.
- Use of electronic devices or books is prohibited.

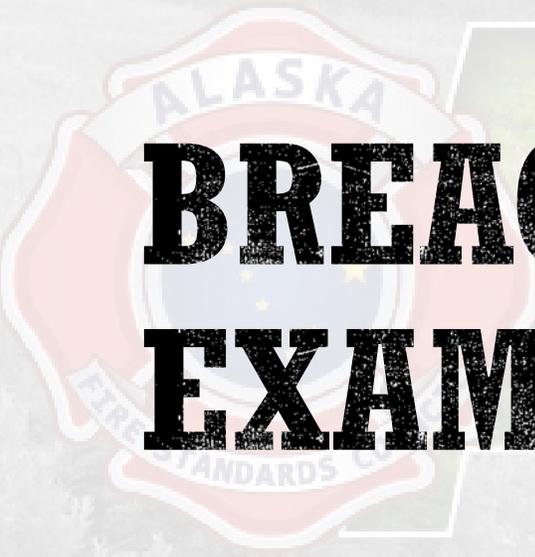




# EXAMINATION SECURITY

- Copying, recording, or duplication of exam materials is explicitly prohibited.
- Upon completion of the exam, candidates are not allowed to reconstruct the exam questions in any way.
- Report security concerns to the CO and/or the AFSC office as soon as possible.





# **BREACH OF EXAMINATION SECURITY**

- Any indication that a candidate has compromised the written examination will result in their immediate removal from the testing process.
- If a candidate violates test security, they will be disqualified from the testing process and all fire certifications held by them in the state of Alaska will likely be revoked.





# CANDIDATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete the Application for Certification
- Complete the Written Examination
  - Your department Training Officer/Course Coordinator will receive test results within 30-days.
    - Disclosure of scores over the phone are prohibited, do NOT call the AFSC office for your scores.
  - Once payment is received and all pre-requisites are fulfilled, certifications will be issued through IMPACT within 30 days.



# CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

# STANDARDS COUNCIL

Group Application Completion

AFSC APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
FIRE STANDARDS COUNCIL

**APPLICATION TYPE**  
 New  Retest  Reciprocity  Equivalency Challenge

**APPLICATION LEVEL**  
 Firefighter -  Fire Apparatus-  Fire Office  
 Instructor-  AK Fire Investigator Tech (AKFIT)  Land-Ba  
 Fire Investigator  Rural Fire Protection-  Airport  
 Rapid Intervention Crews  Other

**--- REQUIRED --- PERSONAL INFORMATION \*\*\*\*PRINT CLEARLY\*\*\*\***

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell/Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
**VALID EMAIL ADDRESS FOR AFSC CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE**  
Valid Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
ID Number\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*The ID# is the last four numbers of the applicant's Social Security Number for AFSC, IFS

**--- REQUIRED --- DEPARTMENT OR EMPLOYER INFORMATION**  
Department/Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**MARKING INSTRUCTIONS**  
Proper 1

ONAL DATA  
Please do not mark outside this box.

FSI-1  
A  
1/22 INSTRUCTOR  
NAME John Smith  
Jane A. Doe  
Joe Bob





# APPLICATION BACK (USE PEN)

- A. Applicant Signature
- B. Today's Date
- C. Provide State ID to CO for collection & mark box
- D. Select payment option

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**EQUIVALENCY CHALLENGE**

For an **equivalency challenge** request, contact the Fire Standards Council before submitting this application.

**APPROVALS****1. Applicant**

I attest that all the information above is accurate and that I have completed all requirements for the level of certification indicated. I authorize the Alaska Fire Standards Council access to my fire department files to verify my qualifications and credentials if and when they are needed. I authorize the release of my grade and/or score for this certification to my organization's Fire Chief, Training Program Manager, or the designated Written Test Contact, if applicable.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check ONE - ID Acknowledgement**

- The CO/Exam Proctor has verified and documented my ID information on the Test Site Student Roster  
OR  
 I have attached a photocopy of my driver's license or official photo ID with this application

**2. Training Officer/Fire Chief/Lead Instructor**

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Fire Chief/Training Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD**

(DO NOT list credit card information here. Credit card payments can be processed after an AFSC invoice has been received)

- Check  Cash PO # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill/Invoice # \_\_\_\_\_ Department/Org. Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPROVAL OF EQUIVALENCY CHALLENGE**

AFSC Administration: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFYING OFFICER VERIFICATION** (signature required for course completion tests only)

As an authorized Certifying Officer for the Fire Standards Council, I verify that the applicant has successfully completed the required final examination requirements for this level of certification. I also verify that I have reviewed the following items required for certification at the level indicated on the first page of this application.

- Verify Photo ID, Note On Test Site Student Roster, & Verify Minimum Age  Alaska Resident or Member of Registered Fire Department  Completed Training Record  
Verify for each level of testing (e.g. FF & HMO)

Certifying Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

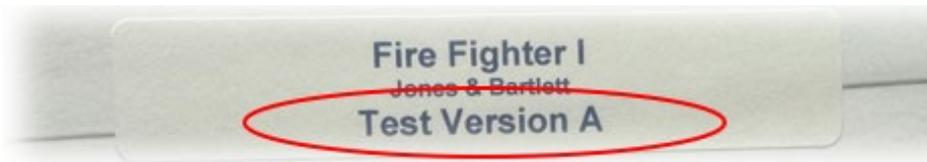
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this application and related documentation to the mailing address or fax number listed at the bottom of this document.

Email scanned documents to: [dpsakfirestandards@alaska.gov](mailto:dpsakfirestandards@alaska.gov)

# SCANTRON (USE PENCIL)

- A. ID – Last 4 of social security #
- B. Name – Last, First & Middle Initial
- C. Date
- D. Course – Class/Cert Level
- E. Test –
- F. Date
- G. Lead Instructor of class
- H. Your name
- I. Certifying Officer Name



**A.** 1 2 3 4

**B.** D W J

**C.** MON 01 JAN 22 YEAR

**D.** COURSE FSI-1

**E.** TEST EA

**F.** DATE 1/3/22

**G.** INSTRUCTOR John Smith

**H.** YOUR NAME Jane A. Doe

**I.** CO. I. Joe Bob

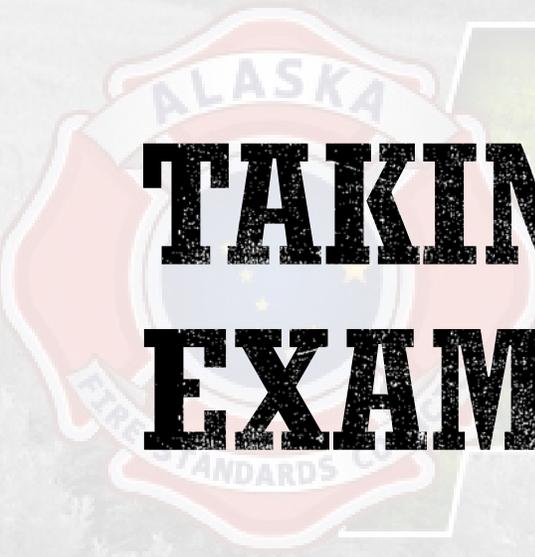
**ADDITIONAL DATA**  
Please do not mark outside this box.

**MARKING INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use No. 2 pencil ONLY
- Erase unwanted marks cleanly
- Make dark heavy marks that fill the oval completely
- Make no stray marks on this answer sheet

Proper Mark  
Improper Mark





# **TAKING THE EXAMINATION**

- Carefully read each question and choose the most suitable answer provided.
- Answer every question, blanks are scored as incorrect.
- Track intentionally skipped questions on scratch paper & go back.



# QUESTION VALIDATION CHALLENGE

PTS  
PERFORMANCE TRAINING SYSTEMS, INC.  
"Training that's on target!"  
P. O. Box 33386, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33420-3386



TEST ANSWER FORM  
WRITE - IN ANSWERS

NOTE: You may use any form of pen or pencil on this side.

SIDE 2

YOUR NAME	ID NUMBER	DATE	TEST
Jane Doe	1234	12/2/23	FF1

Mark questions for AFSC review on the back of your scantron.

Fill in your personal information and the:

- A. Question number
- B. Brief, clear, and specific description of problem

- A. 5 Both A & C appear correct.
- A. 18 I think a word is incorrect. "High-value" instead of "High-value"

Question will be reviewed, if valid issue found, it will be nullified from the overall test score for all candidates and removed from all future tests until it is corrected or voided.

# POOR QUESTION VALIDATION CHALLENGE

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SIDE 2

YOUR NAME	ID NUMBER	DATE	TEST
Billy Bob Boy	1234	3/12/23	FO II

83  
Never heard of "SCBA".

12  
Bad question

**This comment is related to the instruction of the class, not the test question.**

**Not enough information, must specify why it is a bad question.**

Inadequate question validation challenges may arise from comments that do not align with the test problems (indicating a lack of knowledge) or lack sufficient detail.

# COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTS

CO will take:

- Signed application
  - Green instruction sheet
  - Government Photo ID
    - CO to write legal name on Test Site Student Roster
- A. FC or TO Signature
- B. CO Verifications

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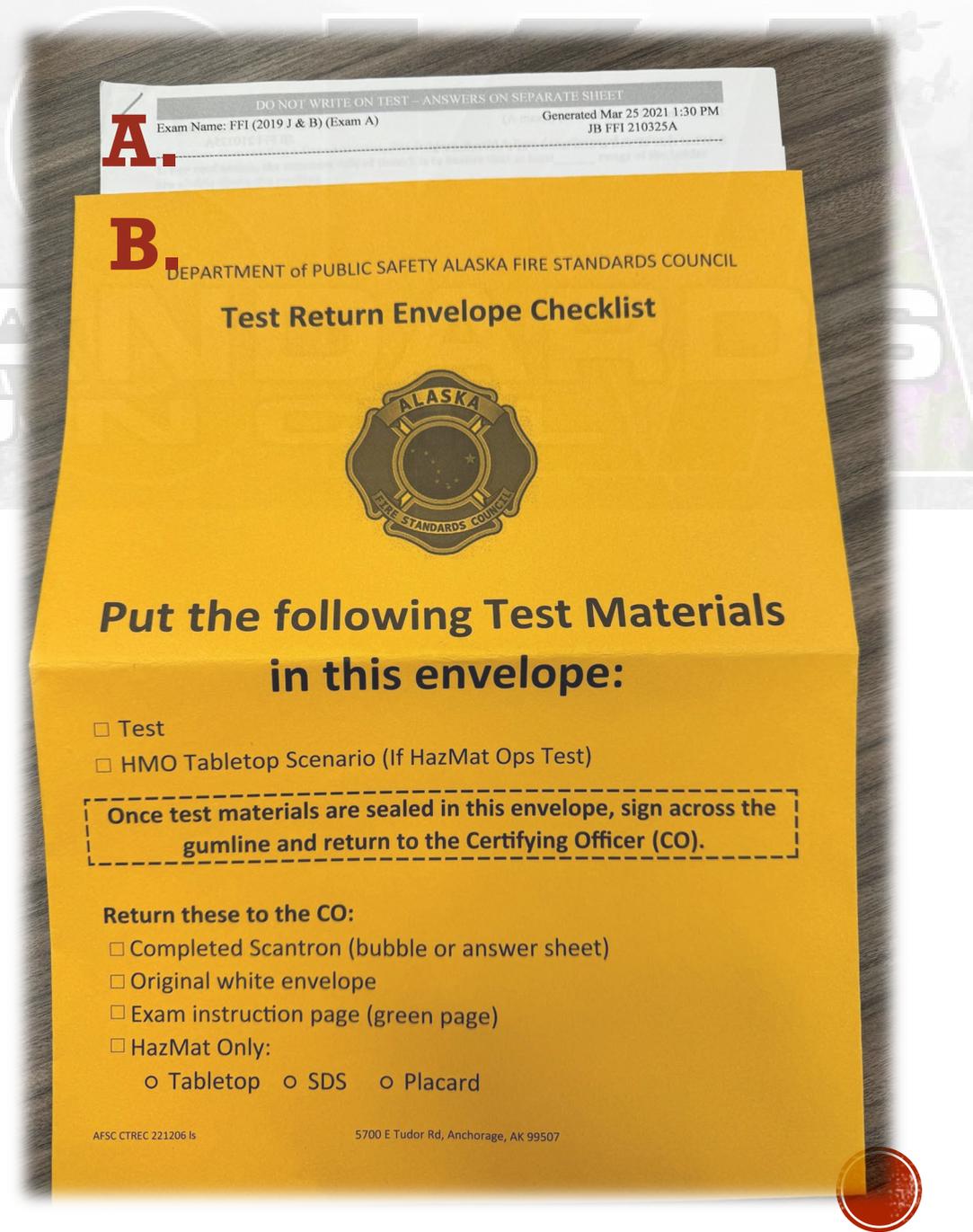
# WHITE PACKET CONTENTS

## A. The Test

**\*\*Do NOT mark on the test\*\***

## B. Manila “Test Return Envelope Checklist”

Used white envelope can double as your scratch paper.



# HAZMAT WHITE PACKET CONTENTS

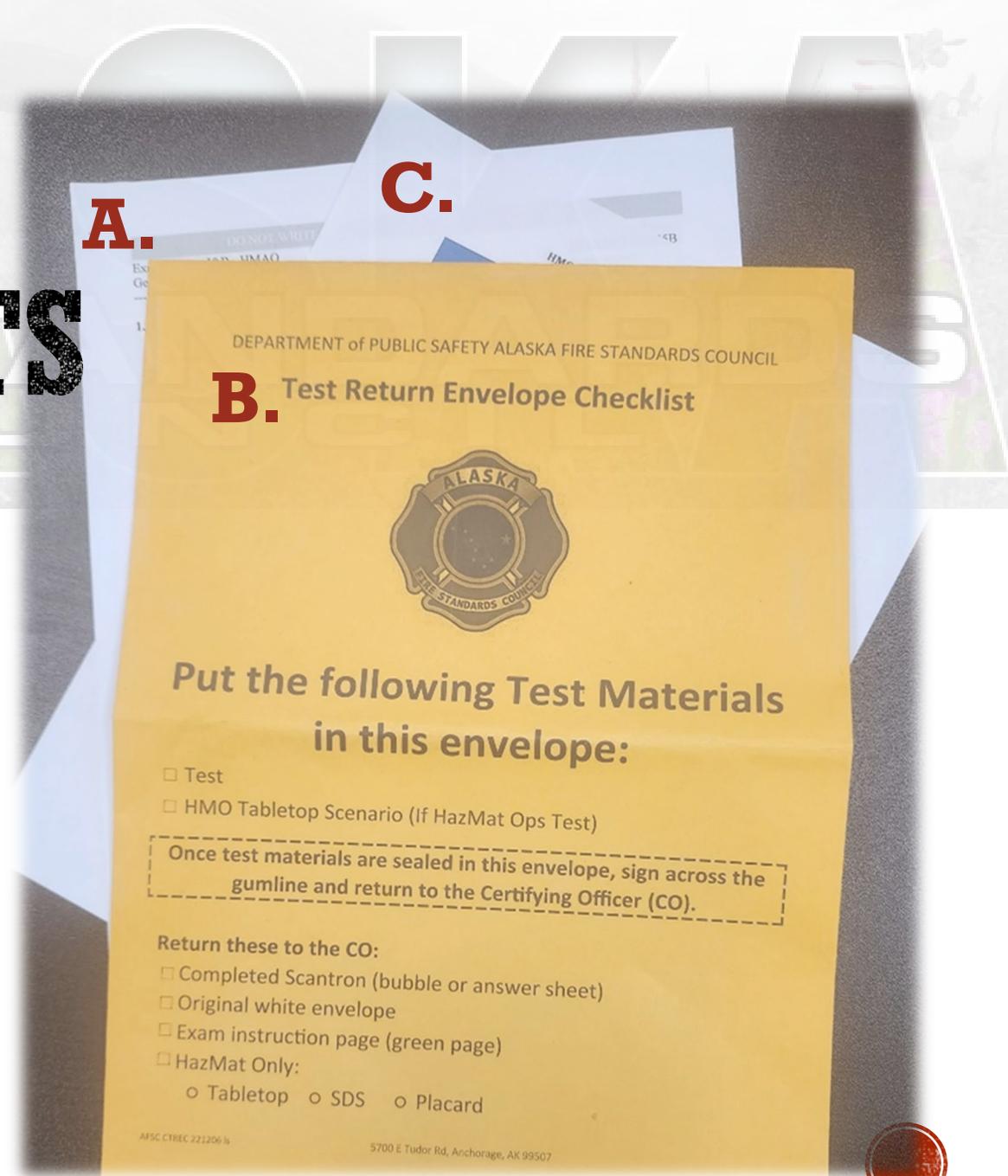
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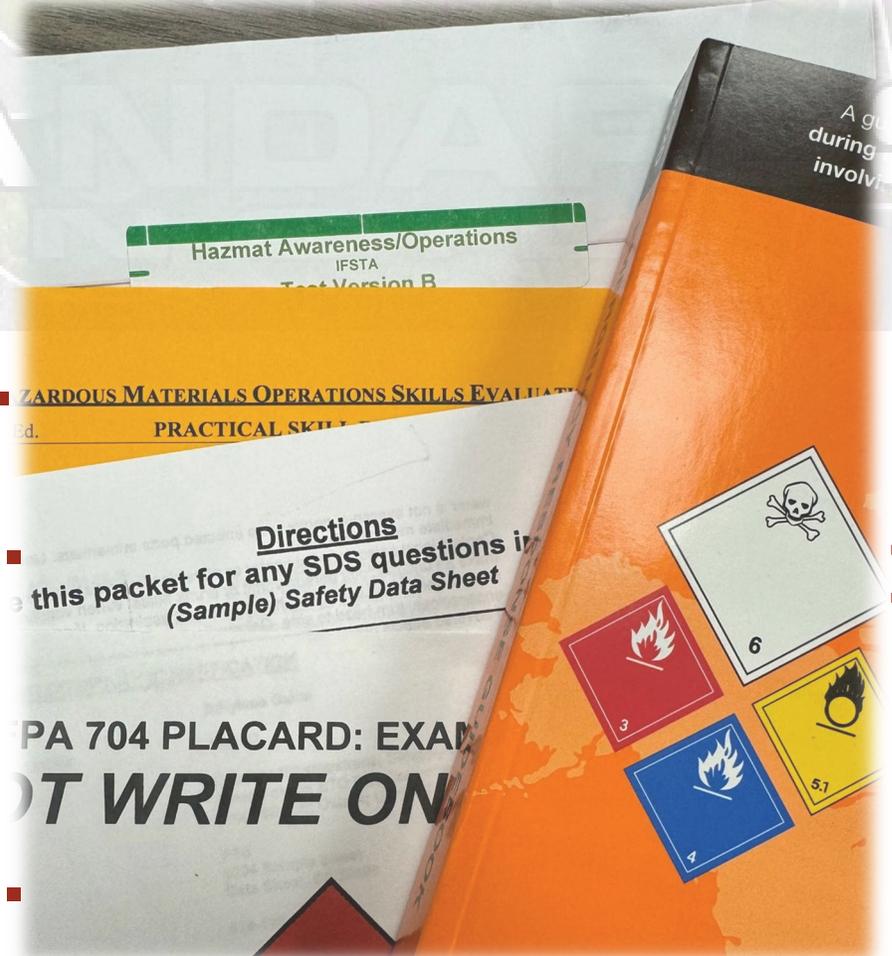
## C. HMO Tabletop Scenario

**Used white envelope can double as your scratch paper.**



# HAZMAT OPERATIONS

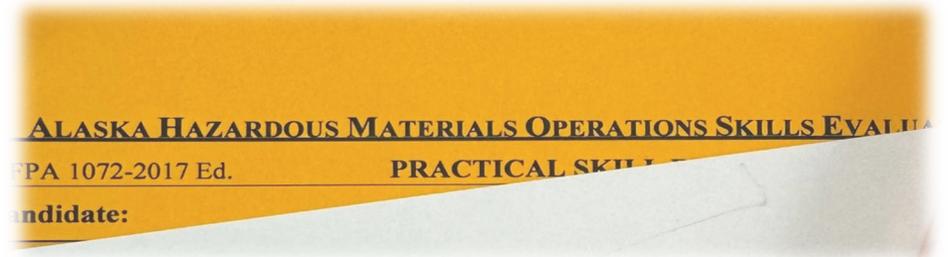
- A. 1-hour for the tabletop practical skill sheet exam
- B. Desk materials permitted are:
  1. SDS sample
  2. Placard sample
  3. North American ERG

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- The image shows a stack of hazmat training materials. At the top is a test packet titled "Hazmat Awareness/Operations IFSTA Test Version B". Below it is a placard with the text "DANGER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OPERATIONS SKILLS EVALUATION Ed. PRACTICAL SKILLS". At the bottom is a sample SDS with the text "Directions Use this packet for any SDS questions in (Sample) Safety Data Sheet". The placard also features several hazard symbols: a skull and crossbones (6), a flame (3), a flame over a circle (5.1), and a flame in a blue square (4).
- A. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OPERATIONS SKILLS EVALUATION Ed. PRACTICAL SKILLS
  - B1. Directions Use this packet for any SDS questions in (Sample) Safety Data Sheet
  - B2. PA 704 PLACARD: EXAM NOT WRITE ON
  - B3.



# HAZMAT TABLETOP

- Tabletop is completed first
- Open White Test Envelope
  - Remove the Scenario ONLY
- Use the yellow practical skill sheet & equipment listed.
- Place all other test materials aside
- Upon completion, return yellow practical skill sheet ONLY to the CO for grading
- Exit test room, wait in designated area for instruction



ALASKA HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OPERATIONS SKILLS EVALUATION  
EPA 1072-2017 Ed. PRACTICAL SKILLS  
Candidate:

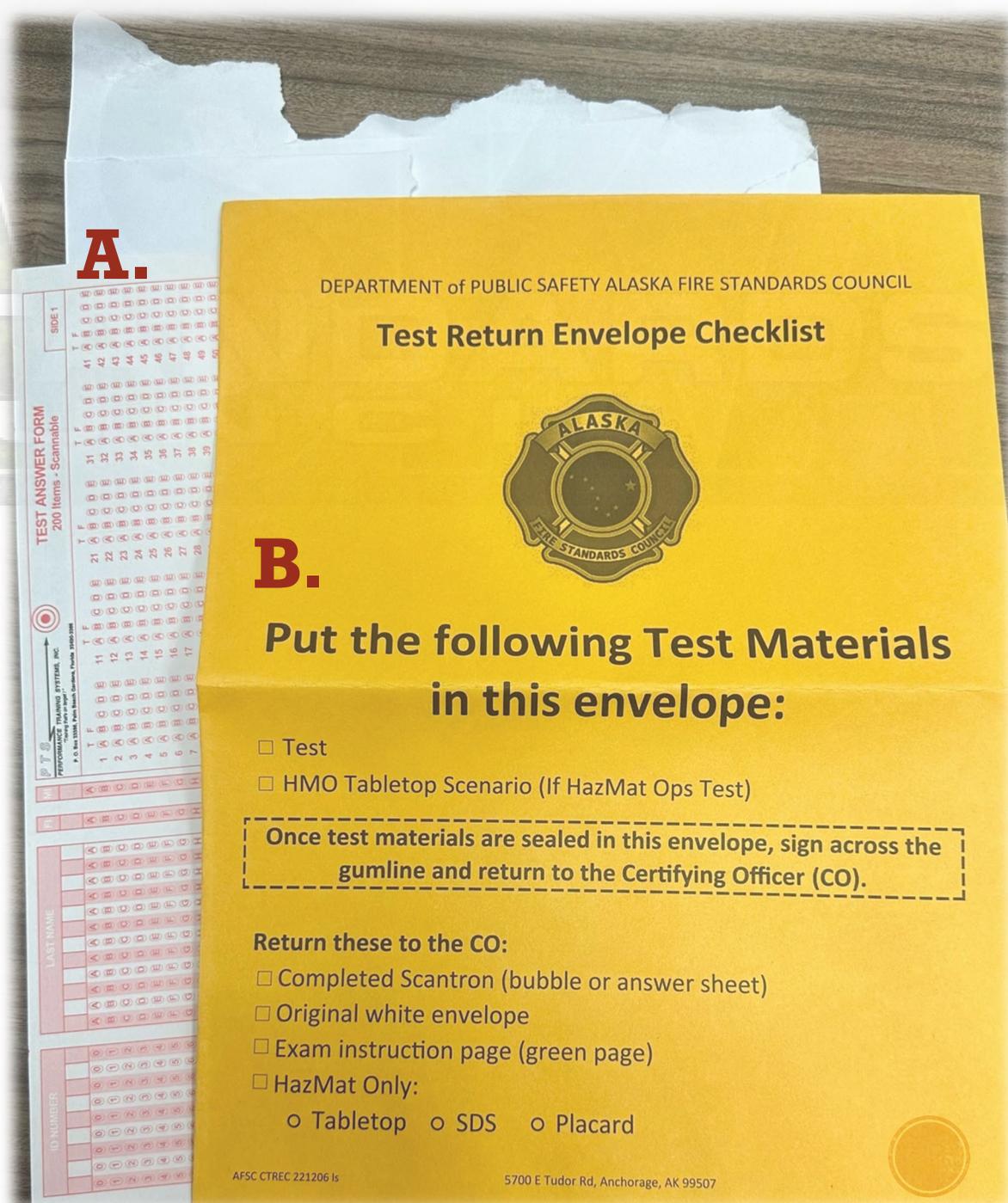


# COMPLETION OF EXAMINATION

Use the

“Test Return Envelope Checklist”  
on the manila envelope

- A. Return all additional loose papers to CO
- B. Manila envelope with contents





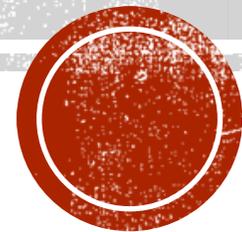
# COMPLETION OF EXAMINATION

- Return the sealed manila envelope & loose papers to the CO
- Sign the 'AFSC Test Site Candidate Roster'
- Collect your State ID card
- Quietly exit test area and wait in designated area
- Don't share/discuss test questions with anyone





**QUESTIONS?**



Practical Exam Instructions to follow as appropriate

Please open your exam packet,

**TIME STARTS NOW.**

