

**DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF  
STUDY GUIDE**

A written examination for the class of **DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF** to be administered in **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** on **APRIL 28, 2015**, will consist of approximately **100** multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

<b>SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM</b>
<p><b>FIRE SERVICE MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Knowledge of the principles of effective fire service management, involving management theory; planning, organizing, directing, inspecting, and evaluating departmental operations; personnel management; public relations; report writing; and managing equipment, property, and supplies.</p>	28.0%
<p><b>SUPERVISION</b></p> <p>Knowledge of the practices and techniques used in effective supervision in order to plan, organize, direct, and evaluate the work of subordinates; to resolve conflicts; and to maintain discipline.</p>	31.0%
<p><b>FIREGROUND COMMAND</b></p> <p>Knowledge of fireground command procedures sufficient to direct emergency scene operations, train employees, and supervise subordinate employees at the scene of an emergency in the following areas; performing size-up; directing rescue, forcible entry, ventilation, nozzle and hose handling, protection of exposures, fire extinguishment, pump operations, use of sprinkler and standpipe systems, use of water supplies, salvage and overhaul, first aid, CPR, and emergency medical services; acting as part of the fire attack team; overseeing safety procedures; hazardous materials; and maintaining fireground communications.</p>	34.0%
<p><b>PRE-FIRE PLANNING AND INVESTIGATION</b></p> <p>Knowledge of pre-fire planning, and fire investigations, including the collection of evidence sufficient to perform and supervise subordinate employees.</p>	7.0%

**REFERENCE LIST**

While the entire list of reference material will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from those references listed under the Primary List.

**PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY PRACTICES**, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1120 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, 4th ed., 2005.

**NOTE: Obtain through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.**

**INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE TRAINING ASSOCIATION (IFSTA)/ FIRE PROTECTION PUBLICATIONS** (Training Manuals):

Essentials of Firefighting and Fire Department Operations, 5th ed., 2008.

Fireground Support Operations, 1st ed., 2002.

Chief Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2004.

Respiratory Protection for the Fire and Emergency Service, 1<sup>st</sup> ed., 2002

**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) PUBLICATIONS AND STANDARDS:**

**MANAGEMENT IN THE FIRE SERVICE**, Carter, Harry R., and Rausch, Erwin, NFPA, Quincy Mass., 4th ed., 2008.

**FIRE PROTECTION HANDBOOK**, NFPA, 19th ed., 2003.

**FIRE COMMAND**, Brunacini, Alan V., NFPA, 2nd ed., 2002.

**OTHER RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS:**

**KIRK'S FIRE INVESTIGATION**, DeHann, John D., Fire Services Division, Brady, A. Prentice-Hall Division, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 07458, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., 2007.

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