

**DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF  
STUDY GUIDE**

A written examination for the class of **DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF** to be administered in **GONZALES** on **NOVEMBER 2, 2016**, will consist of approximately **108** multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

| <b>SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE</b>  | <b>APPROXIMATE<br/>% OF EXAM</b> |
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| <p><b>FIRE SERVICE MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Knowledge of the principles of effective fire management, involving management theory and organizational behavior; researching, planning, organizing, inspecting, and evaluating departmental operations; personnel management; financial management; and managing equipment, property, and supplies.</p> | 25.0%                            |
| <p><b>RECORDS &amp; REPORTS</b></p> <p>Knowledge of effective records-keeping practices, including preparation, content, format, control, and retention; and knowledge of effective report preparation procedures, including the compilation, analysis, and organization of data into an effective written format for reports.</p>                 | 6.5%                             |
| <p><b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b></p> <p>Knowledge of effective public relations practices which foster a positive public image of the department through contact with the media, other agencies, and the public.</p>   | 7.4%                             |
| <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; to maintain discipline; and to train.</p>  | 21.3%                            |

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| <p><b>FIREGROUND COMMAND AND TRAINING</b></p> <p>Knowledge of fireground command procedures sufficient to direct emergency scene operations, train employees, and to 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; handling hazardous materials; and maintaining fireground communications.</p> | 28.7%                    |
| <p><b>PRE-FIRE PLANNING AND INVESTIGATION</b></p> <p>Knowledge of fire prevention procedures and investigation procedures sufficient to train subordinates and perform the duties related to pre-fire planning, fire inspections, and fire investigations, including fire cause determination, and evidence collection.</p>   | 11.1%                    |

### 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.  
 Chief Officer, 2nd ed., 2004.

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

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

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

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

**OTHER RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS:**

**KIRK'S FIRE INVESTIGATION**, Brady, A Prentice-Hall Division, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 07632, 5th ed., 2002.

**MANAGING FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES**, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1140 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, 1st ed., 2002.

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