



FIREFIGHTER MEDICAL TESTING PROGRAM

Classification Definitions

Class A

Class A certification assumes that a firefighter will have the potential for exposure to internal structural fire fighting responsibilities. This would necessitate the ability to perform work under the most strenuous circumstances with exposure to heat, heavy lifting, and emotional stress. Physical examination characteristics include adequate cardiovascular status, proper hearing and vision, the lack of major physical deformities, and the absence of any predisposing medical condition which would interfere with the responsibilities of the internal structural fire fighting. Class A also requires sufficient pulmonary capability to allow for medical clearance to use a respiratory protective device. This classification also acts as a clearance for such devices.



Class C

This category is for individuals who may work at a fire scene and whose limitations in one or more categories would limit them to activities not directly involved in fire fighting. This would include Fire Police and in some situations, drivers who do not wear a pack.

Class B

Class B certification is designed for active firefighters for whom it is recommended that there be some limitations in the maximum work demands. This may reflect a limitation in one or more aspects of the physical capabilities. The work demands of the external firefighter may be light to moderate with the potential for short term, heavy work loads. Job descriptions may include drivers, engine operators, and the hose handlers. The use of a respirator is limited to emergency conditions only, in which the air may contain toxic dangers. It is recommended that the use of the respirator be limited to 30 minutes or less.

Class D

This group represents members of the Fire Company whose health status places them at an increased risk if at a fire scene. They therefore are limited to administrative or social activities.

