The Orientation and History of the Fire Service

1. Which of the following works in units sometimes called urban search and rescue teams? p. 7

A.) EMS personnel
B.) Hazmat technicians
C.) Aircraft/crash rescue fire fighters
*D.) Technical rescue technicians

2. Which of the following is **NOT** a role and responsibility of the Fire Fighter I? p. 5-6

A.) Overhaul a fire scene
*B.) Prepare reports
C.) Force entry into a structure
D.) Turn off utilities

3. What do most experts believe the span of control should be in a complex or rapidly changing environment? p. 12

A.) Seven
*B.) Five
C.) Six
D.) Four

4. When was the first paid fire department established in the United States? p. 13

A.) 1735
B.) 1607
C.) 1630
*D.) 1679

5. Which of the following are responsible for coordinating the activities of several fire companies in a defined geographic area? p. 11

A.) Captains
B.) Lieutenants
C.) Division chiefs
*D.) Battalion chiefs

6. What must be established as part of the incident command system when multiple agencies work together at an incident? p. 7

A.) Liaison department
B.) Response team
C.) Mutual aid
*D.) Unified command

7. What can be used to prevent duplication of efforts at the fire scene? p. 12

A.) Span of control
B.) Discipline
*C.) Division of labor
D.) Mutual aid

8. When were public call boxes placed around Washington, D.C. for fire reporting? p. 16

A.) 1863
*B.) 1860
C.) 1861
D.) 1862

9. Who serves as a liaison between the IC and the news media? p. 7

A.) Information management officer
B.) Company officer
C.) Life safety education specialist
*D.) Public information officer

10. What minimum age do most career fire departments require candidates be? p. 5

A.) 25 years old
B.) 21 years old
*C.) 18 years old
D.) 16 years old

11. What changed in the fire service that necessitates formalized training? p. 14

*A.) More complex equipment
B.) Larger populations
C.) Different building usages
D.) Increased life safety needs

12. Which position is often assumed by the battalion/district chief and focuses on the overall strategy of the incident?
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*A.) Incident commander
B.) Safety officer
C.) Fire marshal
D.) Company officer

13. Where do the funds used by operating fire departments come from ultimately? p. 18

*A.) Citizens
B.) Insurance companies
C.) Government
D.) Sponsorships

14. What were building codes originally developed for? p. 13

A.) Prevent fire spread
B.) Prevent fire ignition
C.) Prevent burglary
*D.) Prevent building collapse

15. When did hand powered pumpers come on the scene? p. 16

*A.) 1720
B.) 1817
C.) 1735
D.) 1829

16. What should always be uppermost in your mind as a fire fighter? p. 4

A.) Orders
B.) Bravery
*C.) Safety
D.) Results

17. Who is accountable to the leaders of the governing body? p. 11

*A.) Fire chief
B.) Battalion chief
C.) Division chief
D.) Assistant chief

18. Who decides which fitness-testing method will be used for fire fighter candidates? p. 5

A.) Regional committee
B.) Federal government
C.) City council
*D.) Fire departments

19. In which type of department is ensuring there is enough available staff available during the day particularly important? p. 10

A.) Career
B.) All
*C.) Volunteer
D.) Combination

20. Who was the leader of the first volunteer fire company in the United States? p. 13

A.) George Washington
B.) Abraham Lincoln
*C.) Benjamin Franklin
D.) John Adams

21. What makes up most of the fire departments in the United States? p. 18

*A.) All volunteer
B.) All career
C.) Mostly volunteer
D.) Mostly career

22. Which company is equipped with several ground ladders and an aerial device? p. 10

*A.) Truck
B.) Hazmat
C.) Engine
D.) Rescue

23. Which position is responsible for initial firefighting strategy, personnel safety, and the overall activities of fire fighters on their apparatus? p. 6

A.) Safety officer
B.) Fire engineer
*C.) Company officer
D.) Driver/operator

24. What is considered to be the most important on the fire scene? p. 14

A.) Apparatus
*B.) Fire fighters
C.) SCBA
D.) Thermal imaging cameras

25. When were water distribution systems applied to fire suppression efforts? p. 16

*A.) 1800s
B.) 1900s
C.) 1700s
D.) 1600s

26. What is guiding and directing fire fighters to do what their fire department expects of them? p. 12

A.) Education
*B.) Discipline
C.) Training
D.) Division of labor

27. When was the first fire department created? p. 13

*A.) 24 B.C.
B.) 27 A.D.
C.) 18 B.C.
D.) 19 A.D.

28. Which of the following levels are most EMS providers? p. 7

*A.) EMT
B.) Paramedic
C.) BEMT
D.) AEMT

29. When was the first documented structure fire in North America? p. 13

A.) 1630
B.) 1735
C.) 1679
*D.) 1607

30. Where are medical requirements for fire fighters specified? p. 5

A.) NFPA 1001
B.) NFPA 1903
C.) NFPA 476
*D.) NFPA 1582

31. How many days did the Great Chicago Fire burn through the city? p. 13

A.) Six
B.) Four
*C.) Three
D.) Five

32. At what point were internal combustion engines available which changed the fire service? p. 16

A.) Early 1800s
B.) Mid 1900s
*C.) Early 1900s
D.) Late 1800s

33. What are developed by various government organizations to implement a law? p. 8

A.) SOPs
B.) SOGs
*C.) Regulations
D.) Policies

34. What is used to create a structure for managing the fire department and the fire-ground operations? p. 11

*A.) Chain of command
B.) IMS
C.) Division of labor
D.) Action plan

35. Which company is responsible for securing a water source and conducting search and rescue operations? p. 8

A.) Ladder
B.) EMS
C.) Truck
*D.) Engine

36. What symbol of the past is used today on the chief's badge? p. 17

A.) Star
*B.) Trumpet
C.) Flame
D.) Dalmatian

37. What are developed to provide definitive guidelines for present and future actions? p. 8

*A.) Policies
B.) SOPs
C.) GOPs
D.) Regulations

38. When was the first fire insurance company established in Charleston, South Carolina? p. 17

A.) 1822
B.) 1802
*C.) 1736
D.) 1639