

Prep Guide Questions (ISE):

1. Will there be a timer on the video screen counting down so we know how much time we have left for our response? Does the time start after each instruction is read or is it included in our answer time?
 - Yes, a timer will appear on your screen. The audio will prompt you when to start and end your responses.
2. During the verbalization of the scenario portion, will the candidate be required to list each tool and piece of equipment and which firefighter is carrying that particular tool, or just a list of tools and equipment? How far in detail do you need to explain the equipment you order for your crew member to bring? Example Irons used for forcibly entry. Or do you need to be more specific? Will we have to name the parts of the "irons" - halogen and flat head axe or will "irons" suffice? Can we say Officers Wye or do we have to say Officer's Wye with 3 - 2 1/2" reducer?
 - You should be as detailed as possible for any response to demonstrate your knowledge. You should specify who is bringing what equipment using Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, Driver, Tiller, etc.
3. If we direct a second company whose tasks are exactly the same as the 1st-in company, must we still verbalize every task or can we state that the tactical objectives are the same for E65 as were described for E63? For example, E63 takes a hose line to the fire floor and accomplishes 5 tasks which I describe in detail and then I direct E65 to floor above the fire with another hose line (which I specify)...must I name the same exact 5 tasks or can I state that E65 will accomplish the same tasks as E63? Must we specify equipment/tools, including ladder sizes and hose sizes for "other companies" on scene? Or with regards to tools, are we ONLY specifying tool/equipment sizes/type for "our crew only". In other words, can we simply tell other companies to ladder the bravo exposure Do we have to be specific with regards to ladder placement for companies other than our own? For instance, I am on E63 and I direct T33 to ladder the bravo exposure with the 35' extension ladder. Must I also say "on the Alpha/Delta corner over the garage"?
 - Respond to the scenario as you see fit as a Captain on scene.
4. How detailed must we be with regards to securing a water supply? For example, if we utilize the hydrant jumper must we state the steps to accomplish securing that water supply such as dropping off FF2 who will snub the line, driver places clamp, driver calls for water, etc. Or can we state that we will secure a water supply utilizing a hydrant jumper lead?
 - You should be as detailed as possible for any response to demonstrate your knowledge.

5. When we give our communications to other crews, should we speak as though we are talking to the companies directly? For example, "T33 ladder the bravo exposure..." OR do we just state what communications we would give to other companies, e.g., "I would direct T33 to ladder the Bravo exposure", etc? Are we to reference SFFD training bulletin 18-2-Portable Radio Training when setting up our communications profile for an underground Muni or Bart incident.
 - Any communications should be as you would on the fire ground even though you won't have an actual radio.
6. Will we be required to remove any insignia from our uniforms that we will wear to the exam?
 - You are not allowed to wear any insignia that identifies you by name.
7. How much time do we have when we enter the room to write down our notes? What is the time length of audio for the administrative instructions in the beginning? May we write notes during the time slot for "administrative instructions on the computer monitor at the beginning of the ISE"? Will there be a prep time to draft notes, pre plan for our exercise, similarly to the management exercise? If so, how long will we have? Will we get prep time before the timed scenarios begin?
 - You will not be given time prior to beginning the first scenario to write down notes.
8. When are we able to see the photos of the buildings we are responding to? Are the photos always available to see during each exercise? If not what's the time limit for photos?
 - For question 1, the dispatch [screen shot of MDT] will be visible during the response period. For questions 2 and 3, the photo with animation will be visible during the response period. For questions 4, 5 and 6 the photos will not be visible during your response period. During all response periods, the questions to be answered and a timer will be visible for the entire response period. There will be response periods where two above referenced items (either dispatch sheet or photo, and questions) are on your screen at the same time.
9. Page 20 paragraph 2 where it states "The updates will be not be presented to you via audio, video or photo." Can you clarify? Under section 3 please clarify "the updates will be not be presented to you via audio, video, or photo".
 - Updates will be presented to you via at least audio.
10. Can you define Considerations, strategies, plan for question #1. Are they 3 separate questions or can they be blended into 1?
 - Your response to Question 1 should include any relevant thoughts that you believe appropriate based on the information available to you.

11. For each question, there will be one or more developing scenarios. Is there a separate time frame to answer those scenarios?
 - Yes, there are separate response periods for each developing scenario.
12. Will engines have one pre-connected 150' 1 3/4" ready line and one 200' ready line?
 - Yes.
13. What are the ladders on the truck (sizes)?
 - A truck will carry a full complement of ladders available to truck companies in the SFFD.
14. Are we allowed to wear our "wool" uniforms or must we wear the BDU's only?
 - Candidates shall wear station uniform including wools.
15. What comprises a "full complement" of tools in an officer's belt?
 - Standard tools seen in an officer's belt will be available.
16. Is it assumed the truck company members have a pick head axe in their belt? Is any other equipment on the belt?
 - Yes, a truck belt will be complete.
17. Do candidates need to order their crew to don their PPE when entering an IDLH, or to don eye protection and hearing protection when utilizing any tools?
 - Refer to the ISE preparation guide.
18. Will FFs have a portable radio? It is not listed under standard equipment.
 - Yes.
19. Will there be a documentation aspect, such as a Post Fire Analysis, or injury reports, following the fire scenarios?
 - No.
20. Will the instructions be identical to those found in the preparation guide?
 - Candidate instructions will be similar to those in the prep guide.
21. You are only allowed to talk with the video when it asks you a question, is that correct?
 - You will only be evaluated only on your verbal answers given during the response periods.
22. Will there be audio playing while I am responding?
 - As often occurs at a fire scene there may be background noise or radio traffic. Respond to radio traffic as you would at a real fire scene.

23. Will there be a dispatch sheet or any paper information or is everything audio and electronic on the screen?

- Everything is audio and electronic on screen except for the blank note paper that will be provided.

24. Will the scenario portion of the test be static or dynamic?

- Smoke and flame will move in the video.