Open Burn Permit Process

FACT SHEET

When a local Fire Department/Fire Protection District wishes to burn a building, the department is required to fulfill certain regulatory processes to ensure compliance with laws and regulations. This fact sheet summarizes those requirements.

**OSFM Requirements**
None – The Office of the State Fire Marshal does not regulate or have statutory authority in this area of discussion. We are providing this for informational purposes and guidance.

**EPA Requirements**
The Illinois Pollution Control Board and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regulate open burning. Local governments may also regulate open burning in areas where they have jurisdiction. Open burning permits are issued for a myriad of activities. Houses donated for firefighting training/fire extinguisher training must be free-standing establishments. Structures already demolished and/or debris are not eligible for donation to fire departments and may not be burned. Structures are required to have an asbestos inspection and all asbestos containing materials must be removed prior to the burn. For fire fighter training/fire extinguisher training the following forms must be completed and submitted:

For further state environmental information go to the IEPA website at:
IEPA Environmental Informational Link or they can be reached at (217) 557-8761 (https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/forms/air-permits/Pages/open-burning.aspx)

**NFPA Standards**
The National Fire Protection Association has published Standard 1403 “Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions (2018 Edition)”. This Standard provides guidance in live fire training specifically providing direction on student, instructional and facility prerequisites, and requirements. While not a required compliance standard, it is recommended practice to follow NFPA standards. A contents list is provided on the reverse side of this fact sheet. The standard itself is available from NFPA.
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