



## **Pyrotechnics Candidate Information Bulletin**

### **Close Proximity Exam / Display Aerial Exam**

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, Pursuant to §27-97 of the Code of Virginia, the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) prohibits any person from designing, setting up, conduction, or supervising the design, setup or conducting of any fireworks display, either inside a building or structure or outdoors, unless that person is certified by the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) as a Pyrotechnician. At least one certified Pyrotechnician is required to be on the site where the fireworks display is being setup and conducted.

The SFMO is working in coordination with the Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA) to conduct the pyrotechnics certification examinations. Your exam will be given online by computer and must be proctored. You may schedule your examination by filling out the attached exam application or by calling CCWA (804) 523-2292 to request additional information.

#### **Certification exams are available for the following:**

- Pyrotechnics – Aerial (Pyrotechnics Display Technician) : \$130, NFPA 1123 Code (2010)
- Pyrotechnics – Proximate (Pyrotechnics Close-Proximity Technician) : \$130, NFPA 1126 Code (2011)
- To schedule an exam date/time and location, follow the instructions outlined on page 2.
- Once your exam is scheduled you will be directed to the Virginia Pyrotechnics website where you will register for the exam(s) and pay the testing fee.

#### **Please note:**

- Exam registration and payment must be completed no later than 3 business days prior to the exam session. No late registrations will be accepted.
- In order to schedule and take both exams in one day, register and complete payment for each exam separately in back-to-back sessions.
- Candidates must arrange for a proctor and pay any additional proctor fees required directly to the college or university that proctors the exam.
- Effective August 6, 2019, any one person can attempt to successfully pass the Virginia Certified Pyrotechnics (Aerial or Proximate) exam(s) up to four (4) times in a 12-month period. Technical or other issues that affect the exam and/or the exam process that result in a failure will be taken into consideration and evaluated on a case by case basis. Candidates who fail to successfully pass an exam after four attempts should contact the Assistant State Fire Marshal for Special Operations.

Please contact the Community College Workforce Alliance (804) 523-2292 for additional assistance or email [pyrotechnics@ccwa.vccs.edu](mailto:pyrotechnics@ccwa.vccs.edu). Once you successfully pass your exam visit the Virginia Department of Fire Programs <http://www.vafire.com> or call (804) 371-0220 for more information on obtaining an application for the Pyrotechnician certification.



**To Take A Pyrotechnics Exam**

This bulletin describes the process of registering for and taking a Virginia Pyro exam. Please complete the information below. You may scan and email the completed form directly to [pyrotechnics@ccwa.vccs.edu](mailto:pyrotechnics@ccwa.vccs.edu). The information that is provided on this form will be used to create an exam event in the Fire Marshal's Exam Portal. Further instructions for accessing the exam portal will be emailed directly to the candidate. The Candidate is not fully registered for his/her exam until the exam event has been created and the candidate has logged into the portal, registered, and paid the exam fee.

Candidate's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate exam needed: Close Proximity Exam:  Display Exam:

Location (City, State) for exam: \_\_\_\_\_

Test Center Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Test Center Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Procter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Procter Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Procter Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Exam Date (please give a range of dates): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Exam Time (between 9am-3pm): \_\_\_\_\_