

Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in the Connecticut Fire Academy's Candidates Physical Ability Test©. Enclosed you will find the Candidate Physical Ability Test – Candidate Guide, which is broken down into two sections. The first part is a CPAT Candidate Orientation Guide that describes each station and the second is a CPAT Candidate Preparation Guide designed to prepare you for the test.

CPAT is an extremely demanding test requiring physical mental and balance discipline. It is recommended you seek medical clearance from your personal care physician prior to taking the test.

Experience has shown candidates that take the full advantage of the information made available to them increase their chances of a successful completion.

The Connecticut Fire Academy offers you the tools and means necessary to complete the CPAT program. It is ***YOUR*** responsibility as the candidate to use these tools to produce the best possible outcome. **Failure to read the following material may result in a negative outcome such as missing dates, non-admittance, or premature failure of the test.**

Best of Luck to you!

John C Kowalski
Fire Service Instructor
CPAT Coordinator

Directions to the CFA Candidate Physical Ability Testing Center

The CPAT Center is located at 2014 North Broad Street in **MERIDEN**, Connecticut 06450. **DO NOT** go to Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks.

From the North and East

- Interstate-91 south bound to Exit 22N (CT-9 N to New Britain).
- Continue on CT-9 and go WEST for 2.6 miles.
- Bare right on ramp at sign reading EXIT 22 to New Haven (US-5/CT-15 S) and go north for 900 feet.
- Turn right on Frontage Road and go SOUTH for 600 feet.
- Turn right on Worthington Ridge and go underneath the highway.
- Turn left onto US-5 / CT-15 S for 4.0 miles
- The CPAT Center is on the right hand side at the traffic light.

From the South

- Interstate-91 North towards Hartford.
- Bare right on ramp at EXIT 17 (CT-15 North) to Berlin Turnpike and CT-66 / I-691
- Continue North for 0.2 miles.
- Continue on CT-15 N for 3.8 miles.
- Turn left at traffic light, CPAT center on west side of highway.

From the West

- Interstate-84 East
- Merge onto I-691 East via Exit 27 toward Meriden/Middletown 7.37 Miles
- Take the US-5/Broad Street, Exit 8 toward CT-15 North 0.29 Miles
- Turn right onto Broad Street/US-5 North, Continue to follow US-5 North 2.62 Miles
- US-5 becomes CT-15 North/Wilbur Cross Highway/Berlin Turnpike 0.04 Miles
- Make a U-Turn onto CT-15 South/Berlin Turnpike, CPAT Center on west side of highway

CPAT Cancellations By the Connecticut Fire Academy

Parameters set by the International Association of Firefighters and the International Association of Fire Chiefs has set very high standards for the proper delivery of CPAT. Maintaining consistency for ALL candidates is a priority. **Therefore, CPAT may be cancelled due to a number of conditions affecting testing.** The main reason for cancellation is **adverse weather**.

The weather can be very unpredictable. Do not rely on your local weather reports, as the conditions may be different at the test site. It is highly recommended that you call 877-528-3473 (in state), (860) 627-6363 (out of state) extension 415 PRIOR to traveling to the testing site. There will be a prerecorded message stating that that the test is either running or has been cancelled.

Unfortunately, the test can be cancelled at the last minute. If you are traveling a long distance we encourage you to call extension 415 several times during your travel

If the CPAT test is cancelled the message on extension 415 will state how and or when you will be notified of the rescheduled CPAT test date.

CPAT Candidate Refunds, Cancellations and Rescheduling

The CPAT testing program is in large demand. Many of the scheduled CPAT dates are filled to their maximum capacity very quickly. A last minute cancellation of a candidate could result in a test opening that could have been filled with another candidate. Therefore, the following candidate refund and cancellation policy must be followed.

- 1) The only method to receive a refund is to cancel seven **(7) days** prior to the scheduled testing date. Extenuating circumstances will be addresses on a case per case basis.
- 2) All requests for a refund must be completed in writing (**phone calls will not be accepted**) addressed to the:

**Deputy Director of Training
Connecticut Fire Academy
34 Perimeter Road
Windsor Locks, CT 06096-1069**

- 3) Failure or not showing up to take the test is NOT a qualification for a refund.
- 4) Rescheduling of a test date must be requested in writing (**phone calls will not be accepted**) 7 days prior to the original scheduled date addressed to the:

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There is a \$25.00 fee to reschedule which must accompany your request letter. If you request a reschedule, please be advised that you will be placed into the next available test session which may be up to eight or more weeks away.

- 5) The only exception to this is a rescheduling due to weather cancellation. Please keep in mind that testing dates may be filled. If you attempt to reschedule at the end of the testing season (October) you may not have an opportunity to reschedule until the following year.