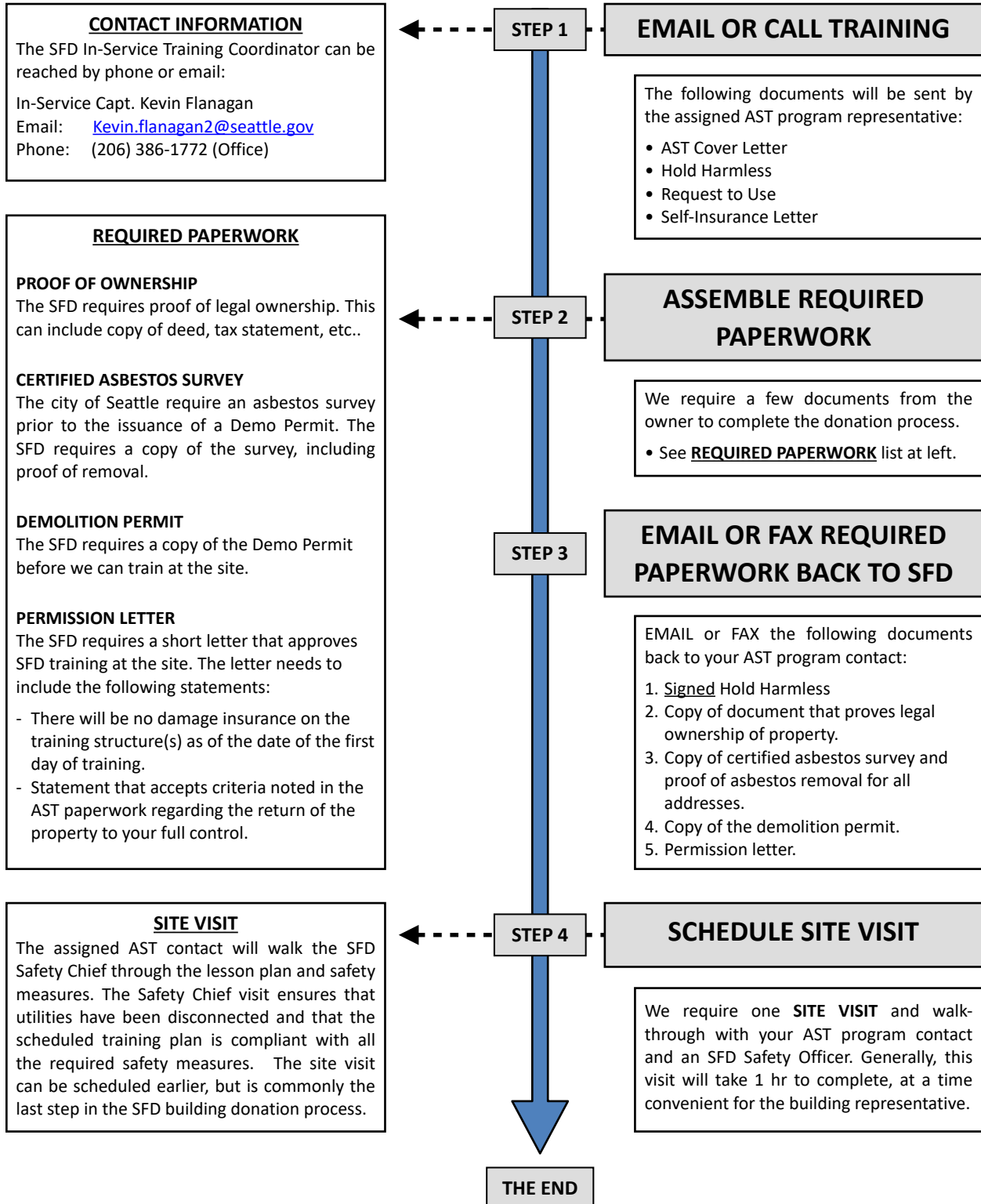




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Although we understand the building(s) are going to be torn down, and frequently have passed their useful life, we will reject buildings that are structurally unsound to the point of being hazardous. Likewise, if a building has been infested with rodents, or has been inhabited by transients and contains fecal material, syringes, etc., we may reject the building due to the bio-hazards present. The Acquired Structure Training (AST) program takes the safety of the citizens we serve and our firefighters very seriously.

The AST program representative assigned to your project will be able to guide you through all steps in the process. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the AST representative with any questions. The donation process is quick, simple and flexible. The donation of buildings in the city of Seattle provides thousands of hours of realistic training every year to your Seattle firefighters. This training greatly contributes to the safety of our community. We hope that you'll tell others about our Acquired Structure Training program. We need help to get the word out. The Seattle Fire Department Training Division is always looking for training opportunities. Thank you for your generosity.

Seattle Fire Department Training Division

Our training is scalable to fit the project timeframe and the type of building. The Seattle Fire Department Training Division coordinates all aspects of the training including:

- **NOTIFICATION OF TRAINING.** We will coordinate notifying neighbors that SFD training will take place. Our AST members and the Public Information Office representatives will answer questions and provide information about the type/length of training to those who may be affected. Our goal is to impact the neighborhood as little as possible. We do everything in our power to make it a good experience for all.
- **COORDINATION.** We work closely with all city of Seattle agencies and community partners. Some trainings might require that we work with other agencies to coordinate logistics to ensure the safety of everyone. Your AST program representative can provide further information about how we work together, if necessary.

To provide our community members more information about the types of training we conduct, we've outlined them below:

NON-DESTRUCTIVE TRAINING

This type of training ensures that there is no damage to the property. This is the simplest and most-flexible type of training our firefighters perform. This type of training will be coordinated at the SFD Company level.

Often, our firefighters will ask building owners/representatives if they can walk through a construction site. Firefighters must understand how a building is constructed in order to understand how it will behave under fire conditions. Other times, firefighters will ask to stretch dry hose in a stairwell/hallway or throw ladders to practice such skills.

DESTRUCTIVE TRAINING

This type of training provides realistic training for firefighters in all disciplines. This type of training requires the paperwork outlined in this flow chart.

Type of training allows our firefighters to conduct operations as if it were the real thing. Examples would include practicing fire attack methods, ventilation, forcible entry, and firefighter survival techniques. The type of destructive training will be outlined by the AST program representative, in coordination with the building owner.

LIVE-FIRE TRAINING

This type of training provides a controlled, live-fire experience for Recruit Training and Operations members. All live-fire trainings are conducted in compliance with NFPA 1403 requirements, no exceptions. NFPA 1403 strictly limits the type and amounts of fuel used. Additionally, buildings are rarely "burned down."

Live-fire training is only conducted in single-family and multi-family dwellings, as approved by the Deputy Chief of Training. There is no more valuable training experience for your SFD firefighters than this. It also provides our citizens an opportunity to see their firefighters in action. We encourage our citizens to come watch, from a safe distance of course. Every effort is made to accommodate those in the community with health concerns. As such, our AST and PIO representatives will work closely with these community members to ensure the safety of all.