



Sonoma Training Officers & the SRJC Fire Program

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Certification Track Update

Fire Fighter I & II, Company & Chief Officer Programs and
Certification Examination Processes

Description: This program will update participants on the most current changes on the horizon for State Fire Training programs. Including: Fire Fighter I & II curriculum, examination and certification process. Implementation plans for Company Officer, Fire Instructor and Chief Officer. Program participants should include Department Training Officers and Fire Chiefs, and Instructors who are interested in keeping pace with the current State Fire Training requirements that will impact training plans and recruitment practices.

Dates: Thursday March 12th, 2015

Time: 1000-1400

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Location: Santa Rosa Jr College/Public Safety Training Center
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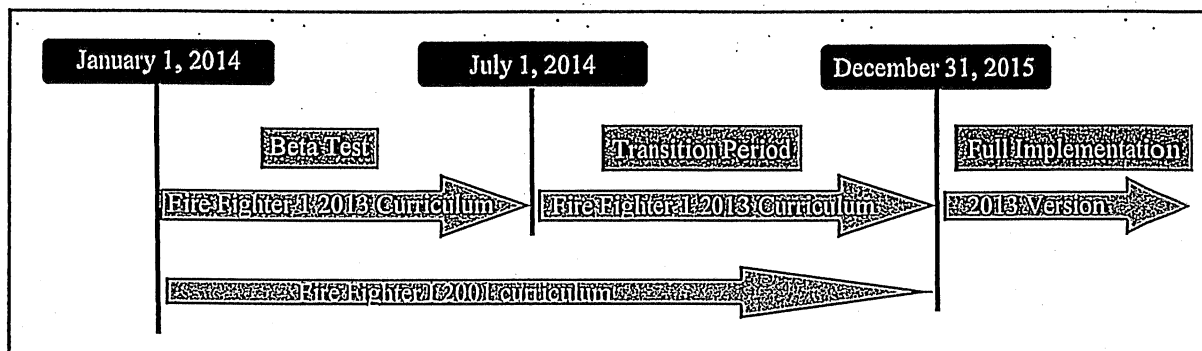
Fire Fighter I Certification Implementation of New Curriculum and Certification Requirements

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on changes to Fire Fighter I curriculum and certification requirements. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

New Fire Fighter I (2013) will be phased in as the new Fire Fighter I curriculum for the California Fire Service Training and Education System. A new Certification Training Standard (CTS) and Course Plan has been developed based on current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards which includes NFPA 1001, Fire Fighter I Professional Qualifications, NFPA 1051, Wildland Fire Fighter I Professional Qualifications, NFPA 472, Competencies for First Responder Operations, Hazardous Materials. The CTS and Course Plan are available on the SFT website.

Certification Examination: SFT has been pursuing accreditation from both IFSAC and Pro Board with Fire Fighter I as the initial offering. A Certification Examination is required by IFSAC and Pro Board and includes both a written test and skills testing. Certification Examinations will become a standardized process statewide to insure uniformity and compliance with IFSAC and Pro Board requirements. The Certification Examination process has not yet been approved, but will be required for this new curriculum at a future date.

Fire Fighter I Curriculum Change Time Line



Beta Test January 1, 2014 – July 1, 2014

The Fire Fighter I (2013) curriculum will be beta tested at the Sierra College Accredited Regional Training Program Fire Academy to insure that SFT Certification Examination procedures will fully satisfy IFSAC and Pro Board requirements and that the curriculum fully satisfies the aforementioned professional qualification standards and meets the needs of the California Fire Service for content and delivery.

Task Books/Application Form: In addition to required Certification Examinations, implementation of the new Fire Fighter I (2013) requires that candidates complete a comprehensive task book. This task book covers all of the job performance requirements contained in the aforementioned professional qualification standards. A completed task book will replace the current Fire Fighter I training record. The task book will be made available to candidates, agencies, ARTPs



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Date: January 16, 2015

Attachment 1

To: Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
c/o State Fire Training

From: Ken Wagner, Fire Service Training Specialist III

Subject/Agenda Action Item: Fire Fighter I Certification Examination Process

Recommended Actions: Approve implementation of the proposed Fire Fighter I certification examination process.

Background Information:

At the July 19, 2013 STEAC meeting staff presented a detailed staff report proposing required capstone certification examinations and required IFSAC/Pro Board certification for all Fire Fighter I candidates. After significant discussion, the consensus of STEAC was to bifurcate these two items for future discussion and action. During the January 17, 2014 STEAC meeting staff presented a detailed report addressing the implementation of the proposed Fire Fighter I certification examination process and an analysis on associated program costs. Additionally, during the July 18, 2014 meeting staff updated STEAC on the steps being taken to prepare for program approval.

Staff continues to solicit and react to comments received from stakeholders. The California Professional Firefighters (CPF) has expressed concerns about implementation of this proposal and has discussed these concerns with Chief Hoover and Chief Richwine. CPF requested that State Fire Training (SFT) contact all stakeholders and understand their concerns and level of support for the proposal. Furthermore, during the January 17, 2014 STEAC meeting, several members discussed their concern about availability of certification examinations in areas of the state that are not adequately served by an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP). On-going discussions with the California Fire Technology Directors Association (CFTDA) and Accredited Local Academies (ALA) have resulted in suggestions for program modifications to aid in implementation at both ARTPs and ALAs.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

SFT has been working to address the concern raised by STEAC about the availability of certification examinations to those areas of the state that are not adequately served by an ARTP. Staff has discussed this concern with CFTDA. Both Sierra College and the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium (both ARTPs) have expressed their availability to take the certification examination process "on-the-road" to underserved areas. Furthermore, the

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Attachment 2

To: Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman
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Subject/Agenda Action Item: Implementation of IFSAC/Pro Board Certification

Recommended Actions: Approve Implementation of IFSAC/Pro Board Certification

Background Information:

At the July 19, 2013 STEAC meeting staff presented a detailed staff report proposing required capstone certification examinations and required IFSAC/Pro Board certification. After significant discussion, the consensus of STEAC was to bifurcate these two items for future discussion and action. During the January 17, 2014 STEAC meeting staff presented a detailed report addressing the implementation of the proposed Fire Fighter I certification examination process and an analysis on associated program costs. At the July 18, 2014 STEAC meeting staff provided an update on the steps being taken to prepare for IFSAC/Pro Board Accreditation and implementation.

During the July 19, 2013 STEAC meeting staff presented a proposal to make participation in IFSAC and Pro Board certification a requirement for all candidates seeking California certification. STEAC expressed concerns regarding this proposal.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

In response to STEAC's concerns, staff recommends and is preparing a process that will be implemented as follows:

California Fire Fighter I Certification - Required

- As in the past, all candidates will be required to pay the current certification fee and obtain California certification.
- The current Fire Fighter I certification fee is \$40.00.

IFSAC/Pro Board Certification - Voluntary

- Candidates will be required to pay an additional fee.
- This fee is estimated to be \$40.00

Company Officer: With the retirement of the exiting Company Officer certification track on December 31st 2016, the following changes will occur:

Retiring

Replaced by (or new):

Command 1A (Fire 204A),

All Risk Command Ops (Fire 270.1)

Command 1B (Fire 204B)

Haz-Mat Incident Commander (Fire 270.3)

Command 1C (Fire 204C)

Wildland Incident Ops (Fire 270.2)
Prereq. S-290 (Fire 219)

Prevention I (Fire 201)

Fire Inspect. & Invest (Fire 272)

Investigation IA (Fire 209)

N/A Material covered in Fire 272

Training Instructor IA (Fire 200.1)

Fire Service Instructor I (Fire 273.1)

Training Instructor IB (Fire 200.2)

N/A

Management I (Fire 203)

Human Resource Management (Fire 271.1)
Gen. Admin for Company Officers (Fire 271.2)