

SRJC's SFT ACCREDITED

Firefighter I Certification Test Class

Sonoma Fire Chief's April 2018

Background

- In 2012 new FFI & FFII curriculum developed based on NFPA 1001, 1051 & 472 (SBFS adopted 2013)
- Concurrently, SFT obtained IFSAC/Pro-Board accreditation triggering Cert. testing requirement which only an ARTP or ALA can perform
- Delivery of new curric began in 2016
- Candidates have until 12/31/2018 to complete occupational experience requirement.
- Beginning Jan 2018 all FFI candidates must complete cert testing (FFII, anticipated early 2019)

SRJC Efforts

- As only ARTP between SF & Oregon our Advisory Committee felt there would be need & directed us to provide this service
- A survey conducted in 2016 of Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Lake & Mendocino Counties validated this showing a need to test approx. 32 FFI's & 40 FFII's annually.
- To that end, we developed and obtained approval for both FFI & II "stand-alone" test classes
- Classes have been scheduled twice due to low enrollment ended up piggy backing students with testing occurring in FFI Academy

Requirements to Attend FFI Test

Prior to Attending You Must:

- Complete all FFI training identified in 2013 Course Plan
- Provide completed copy of *FFI Skills Testing Summary Sheets*
- Sign the *Statement of Understanding* attesting the candidate is ready for the test
- *Practiced all 67 SFT FFI Skills so you are proficient in each*
- *Read the required FFI textbooks (including FRO & Wildland)*

These requirements verified prior to the first day



DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
Office of State Fire Marshal
State Fire Training

FIRE FIGHTER I SKILLS TESTING SUMMARY SHEET

Candidate: _____ Date: _____

ID#: _____

STATE REQUIRED FIRE FIGHTER I PSYCHOMOTOR SKILL TESTING	
*2-2.1	Don, doff, and prepare structural personal protective equipment for reuse
*2-3.1	Don and doff SCBA
*5-4.1	Perform forward hose lay
*5-7.1	Lift, carry, and raise an extension ladder single fire fighter (20 or 24 foot extension)
*5-10.1 A or B	Structure fire attack – interior grade level, above, or below <i>A simulated fire may be used if all candidates participated in an SFT approved Fire Control 3A or 3B class as a component of their training</i>
STATE RANDOM FIRE FIGHTER I PSYCHOMOTOR SKILL TESTING	
*1-3.1	Locate information in departmental documents and standard or code materials
*2-3.2	Use SCBA during emergency operations
*2-3.3	Inspect SCBA
*2-3.4	Replace air cylinder
*2-4.1	Respond to an emergency scene on an apparatus
*2-5.1	Operate at an emergency scene
*3-1.1	Receive a telephone call
*3-2.1	Initiate a response
*3-3.1	Operate a fire department radio to transmit information
*4-1.1	Tie knots
*4-1.2	Hoist tools
*4-3.1	Light a scene
*4-4.1	Clean and check equipment
*5-3.1	Select, carry, and operate a portable fire extinguisher and approach a fire
*5-4.2	Deploy portable water tanks and the equipment necessary to transfer water and draft from them
*5-5.1	Load, deploy and advance an attack line

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Pre-Course Assignments

- Register for On-Line Written test through *Questionmark**
- Register for EVALs.net at: *register@evals.net*
- Complete *SFT Firefighter I Skills Testing Summary Sheets* & Chief sign *Statement of Understanding*
- Complete the SRJC Waiver
- Obtain PPE (if you do not already possess)**
 - Bring a SCBA that is used with their agency
 - We will provide Wildland practice shelter & PPE if needed)

* \$18 fee through debit-credit card

** For \$260 turnouts can be rented on a short term basis with vendor used for the fire academy

Test Preparation

- Know the material in the following textbooks:
 - IFSTA *Essentials* **or** Jones/Bartlett *Fundamentals of Firefighting Skills*
 - *Firefighters Handbook on Wildland Firefighting* by William Teie
 - IFSTA *Hazardous Materials for 1st Responders* **or** Jones/Bartlett *Hazardous Materials for First Responders*

Questions are taken from these texts so familiarity is critical!

- Become proficient performing the 67 SFT Skills

Our expectation is you can perform all of these skills prior to class

Test Procedures

Written Exam

- Pre-registration is required (and is pre-course assignment)
- 160 questions (100 struc., 30 Wildland, 30 Haz-mat)
- 70% required to pass each module
- For failures, re-takes (if necessary)
 - Arranged at a mutually agreed upon date
 - Only need to re-take module(s) failed
 - Must pay \$18 fee to Exampay for each module being taken + \$10 to SFT
 - 2nd failures must be remediated & obtain approval (letter) from SFT

Test Procedures

Skills Exam

- 17 Skills (of 67) will be tested. 10 are fixed & include:
 - Don & Doff PPE
 - Don & Doff SCBA
 - Forward Hose lay
 - Lift, Carry & Raise an Extension Ladder
 - Interior Fire Attack
 - Don Wildland PPE
 - Deploying a Fire Shelter
 - Air tanker Drop
 - 500' Two Person Progressive Hose Lay
 - Id Hazardous Materials, their Hazards & Appropriate PPE

Test Procedures

Skills Exam

- 7 remaining skills are randomly selected by SFT
- Students are videoed using EVALs.net to verify performance (Also provides access to model videos of most skills)
- Students wait in “Staging area” until escorted to test stations (to avoid witnessing others perform skills)
- For failures:
 - A second attempt is permitted (usually at the end of the same day)
 - 2nd failures must be remediated & obtain approval letter from SFT

Completing the FFI Cert. Process

Documents We provide (after successfully passing)

- A SRJC Test Completion Certificate
- Signed copies of *FFI Certification Exams Skills Summary Sheets*
- *SFT FFI Certification Task Book* (with Skill 5-10.1A signed off)

Task Book

- Must be signed off by Chief (or designee) AND min. 12 months vol. (or 6 months paid) work experience. If candidate was a Vol. prior to the test, previous time can be considered

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Documents to Include in Your FFI Application

(Once Task Book & Work Experience Complete)

- SFT *FFI Certification Application*
- Copies of your Public Safety First Aid & CPR Cards
- Copies of your IS-100 & IS-700 certificates
- Copy of your *Confined Space Rescue Awareness Cert.*
- Copies of your SFT *FFI Certification Exam Skills Summary* sheets (completed during testing)
- Copy(s) of your Exampay email showing your pass score
- SFT application Fee (SFT seal \$40 + \$40 for IFSAC/Pro-Board seals)

Questions

