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Fire Inspector Certification Implementation of New Certification and Course Requirements

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on changes to Fire Prevention Officer and Fire Protection Specialist Certification. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

CERTIFICATION NAME CHANGES **Effective August 1, 2013 - December 31, 2014**

FIRE INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION CHANGES

 = Discontinued courses  = New courses



- **Discontinued:** Fire Prevention Officer Certification will be retired.
- **New:** Fire Inspector I Certification will replace the existing Fire Prevention Officer Certification.
- **Discontinued:** Fire Protection Specialist Certification will be retired.
- **New:** Fire Inspector II Certification will replace the existing Fire Protection Specialist Certification.

CURRENT FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER AND FIRE PROTECTION SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION CANDIDATES **Effective December 31, 2014**

- Candidates pursuing Fire Prevention Officer Certification under the existing requirements must complete all requirements, submit their fees and applications to SFT prior to **December 31, 2014**.
- Candidates pursuing Fire Protection Specialist Certification under the existing requirements must complete all requirements, submit their fees and applications to SFT prior to **December 31, 2014**.
- There is **no** lock-in to continue with these certifications after **December 31, 2014**.
- Effective **December 31, 2014**, Fire Prevention Officer and Fire Protection Specialist certification will cease to be issued by SFT.

COURSE CHANGES **Effective August 1, 2013**

 = Discontinued courses

 = New courses

Existing Fire Prevention Officer

-  Fire Prevention 1A
-  Fire Prevention 1B
-  Fire Prevention 1C

Existing Fire Protection Specialist

-  Fire Prevention 2A
-  Fire Prevention 2B
-  Fire Prevention 2C

New Fire Inspector I

-  Fire Inspector 1A
-  Fire Inspector 1B
-  Fire Inspector 1C
-  Fire Inspector 1D

New Fire Inspector II

-  Fire Inspector 2A
-  Fire Inspector 2B
-  Fire Inspector 2C
-  Fire Inspector 2D

Note: There is no equivalency between the *existing* and *new* courses.

- **Discontinued:** *Fire Prevention 1A (2009), 1B (2009), 1C (1987)* will be phased out as the required curriculum for Fire Inspector I.
- **New:** *Fire Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration (2010), Fire Inspector 1B: Fire and Life Safety (2010), Fire Inspector 1C: Field Inspection (2010), and Fire Inspector 1D: Field Inspection - California Specific (2010)* will be phased in as the new curriculum for the Fire Inspector I Certification Track.
- **Discontinued:** *Fire Prevention 2A (1993), 2B (1992), 2C (1994)* will be phased out as the required curriculum for Fire Inspector II.
- **New:** *Fire Inspector 2A: Fire Prevention Administration (2010), Fire Inspector 2B: Fire and Life Safety Requirements (2010), Fire Inspector 2C: Inspecting New and Existing Fire and Life Safety Systems and Equipment and Fire Inspector 2D: Hazardous Materials, Operations and Processes (2010)* will be phased in as the new curriculum for the Fire Inspector II Certification Track.

TRANSITION PERIOD **Effective August 1, 2013 - December 31, 2014**

- **Discontinued** Fire Prevention and **new** Fire Inspector courses can continue to be delivered during this transition period.

EQUIVALENCY PERIOD **Effective August 1, 2013**

- There is **no** equivalency between the **discontinued** Fire Prevention courses and the **new** Fire Inspector courses.

PREREQUISITE CHANGES **Effective August 1, 2013**

- Fire Inspector I Certification is a required prerequisite for Fire Inspector II Certification.
- SFT will recognize previous coursework and will provide an opportunity to complete a current track or new certification courses. To accommodate this, existing Fire Prevention Officer Certification may be used to meet the Fire Inspector II prerequisite.
- Candidates in the Fire Inspector track should **not** be taking courses in the Fire Prevention Officer or Fire Protection Specialist certification tracks.

REGISTERED INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS **August 1, 2013 - December 31, 2014**

- Instructors in good standing with SFT and currently registered to teach existing *Fire Prevention 1A (2009), 1B (2009), 1C (1987), 2A (1993), 2B(1992), 2C (1994)* will be eligible to teach *Fire Inspector 1A (2010), 1B (2010), 1C (2010), 1D (2010), 2A (2010), 2B (2010), 2C (2010)* and *2D (2010)* once they have attended an Instructor Update Course (IUC) being delivered through **December 31, 2014**.

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

- Fire agencies utilizing either Fire Prevention courses or Fire Prevention officer and/or Fire Protection Specialist Certification as minimum qualifications for recruitment may need to review the new Fire Inspector Curriculum and Certification Track requirements to see if local implementation may need to be updated.