



California State Fire Training

INTERIM SFT PROCEDURES



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Procedure Title: Fire Chief Certification

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Section Change: New Section (G), Reciprocity with the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE)
(G) Reciprocity with the Center for Public Safety Excellence

(1) Fire Chiefs possessing a Chief Fire Officer Designation (CFOD) conferred by the CPSE may apply for California Fire Chief Certification in accordance with these procedures.

(2) Applicants must:

- (a) Complete a reciprocity application provided by SFT.
- (b) Remit the current Fire Chief Certification fee.
- (c) Provide an organizational chart from their employing organization.
- (d) Provide a copy of their CFOD Certificate and verification letter from CPSE.

(3) CFOD certificates issued by CPSE under other reciprocity agreements will not be accepted.

(4) Rank prerequisites for Fire Chief certification listed in (C) (2) apply.

(5) An Advocate will be assigned and a PACE IV review will be conducted.

(6) Applicants will be required to make themselves available for PACE IV committee Review.

Justification: The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) both administer professional recognition for Fire Chiefs. OSFM confers Fire Chief Certification and CPSE confers Chief Fire Officer Designation. Both agencies use very similar processes to evaluate and confer recognition. In 2011 both agencies agreed to enter into a memorandum of understanding to initiate reciprocity between the two programs; these procedures implement this agreement.

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