



INTERIM SFT PROCEDURE

Fire Instructor 3 Instructor Certification:

Fire Instructor 3 Course Retirement

Effective Date: July 29, 2015

Section Change: As of July 29, 2015 the Fire Instructor 3 course will be retired and will no longer be a requirement for the current Fire Instructor III certification.

Justification: The Fire Instructor 3 curriculum contained a formally assigned teaching project for the candidate to research, develop and prepare all related course materials for a formal 30-minute delivery to be made in a classroom-learning environment. This formal delivery was recorded, and didactically reviewed with the candidate by two teams of evaluators, which together provided feedback to the candidate.

SFT has recently reevaluated this curriculum and has determined that the critical feedback element is being duplicated with the advent of the 2010 level I instructor curriculum (Training Instructor 1A, 1B, and 1C) and during completion of the Training Instructor Capstone Task Book (2010). Therefore, a candidate is already demonstrating the necessary teaching experience and is even exceeding the hours of formal instruction that is required in the Fire Instructor 3 curriculum. With the redundancy of course content and certification requirements, State Fire Training has elected to retire the Fire Instructor 3 curriculum and eliminate it as an educational requirement for Fire Instructor III Certification.

Updated Procedure: Fire Instructor III Certification

Prerequisites:

OSFM certified Fire Instructor II.

Educational Requirements

The following courses are required:

- Fire Management 2E: Contemporary Issues and Concepts

Certification Exam:

None (at this time)

Certification Task Book:

Not required with current Fire Instructor III Curriculum.

Experience:

Fire Service: Have a minimum two (2) years' full time, paid or four (4) years' volunteer or part-time, paid experience in a California fire department as a firefighter performing suppression duties.

Department Training Officer: Have a minimum one (1) year full time, paid or two (2) years' volunteer or part-time, paid experience functioning in the position of a training officer in charge of one or more of the department's training programs. The experience must involve: Planning and developing in-service courses of instruction, analyzing results of written and performance examinations, constructing written and performance

examinations, researching new information, procedures, and techniques for developing instruction, developing reports, maintaining records, coordinating and supervising the training program(s) assigned, hiring and supervising instructors, and developing and managing training program in budget(s).

Teaching: Have a minimum of 240 hours teaching experience within a fire service related program.

Implementation: Current Fire Instructor III Candidates

Candidates pursuing Fire Instructor III Certification under the existing requirements must complete all requirements; submit their fees, application and all supporting documentation to SFT prior to December 31, 2016.

New Instructor III Candidates

Candidates beginning to pursue Instructor III certification as of July 1, 2015, should utilize the new Instructor III curriculum.

Equivalency Period

There is NO equivalency between the retired Fire Instructor III courses and the new Instructor III courses.

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