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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 January 1, 2013 - June 30, 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 June 30, 2014**

- Candidates pursuing Fire Prevention Officer Certification under the existing requirements must complete all requirements, submit their fees and applications to SFT prior to **June 30, 2014**.
- Candidates pursuing Fire Protection Specialist Certification under the existing requirements must complete all requirements, submit their fees and applications to SFT prior to **June 30, 2014**.
- There is **no** lock-in to continue with these certifications after **June 30, 2014**.
- Effective **June 30, 2014**, Fire Prevention Officer and Fire Protection Specialist certification will cease to be issued by SFT.

**COURSE CHANGES** ..... **Effective January 1, 2013**

 = Discontinued courses	 = New courses
<b>Existing Fire Prevention Officer</b>	<b>New Fire Inspector I</b>
 Fire Prevention 1A	 Fire Inspector 1A
 Fire Prevention 1B	 Fire Inspector 1B
 Fire Prevention 1C	 Fire Inspector 1C
	 Fire Inspector 1D
<b>Existing Fire Protection Specialist</b>	<b>New Fire Inspector II</b>
 Fire Prevention 2A	 Fire Inspector 2A
 Fire Prevention 2B	 Fire Inspector 2B
 Fire Prevention 2C	 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: The Role of the Fire Inspector (2012), Fire Inspector 1B: Introduction to Fire and Life Safety (2012), Fire Inspector 1C: Systems and Equipment, Hazards, and Emergency Planning (2012), and Fire Inspector 1D: Fireworks and Explosives* 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 (2012), Fire Inspector 2B: New Construction for the Fire Inspector (2012), Fire Inspector 2C: Fire and Life Safety in Existing Buildings and Fire Inspector 2D: Hazardous Materials, Operations and Processes (2012)* will be phased in as the new curriculum for the Fire Inspector II Certification Track.

**TRANSITION PERIOD** ..... **Effective January 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014**

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

**EQUIVALENCY PERIOD** ..... **Effective January 1, 2013**

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

**PREREQUISITE CHANGES** ..... **Effective January 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** ..... **January 1, 2013 - June 30, 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 (2012), 1B (2012), 1C (2012), 1D (2012), 2A (2012), 2B (2012), 2C (2012)* and *2D (2012)* once they have attended an Instructor Update Course (IUC) being delivered through **June 30, 2014** and any Fire Inspector curriculum updates which may be required by SFT.

**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.