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Fire Fighter I Certification Examination Implementation Time Line

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on important timelines relating to implementation of the new Fire Fighter I certification examination process. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

New Fire Fighter I (2013): On December 31, 2015 the old Fire Fighter I (2001) curriculum was retired and is no longer supported by SFT. Full implementation of the new Fire Fighter I (2013) curriculum began on January 1, 2016. As of this date, all stakeholders conducting Fire Fighter I training must be utilizing the new Fire Fighter I (2013) curriculum. Refer to the [Fire Fighter I Certification/Implementation of New Curriculum and Certification Requirements](#) document dated 05-23-14 for detailed information.

Certification Examination: SFT received accreditation for the California Fire Fighter I program from the Pro Board on January 15, 2016, and from IFSAC on April 30, 2016. As a result, SFT has been rolling out implementation of the Fire Fighter I written and skills certification examination process to ARTPs and ALAs on a statewide basis. ALAs are now required to begin implementing the certification examination process as a component of their in-service Fire Fighter I academies. Similarly, ARTPs are now required to begin implementing the certification examination process as a component of their pre-service Fire Fighter I academies and must coordinate with their local fire service stakeholders to deliver the certification examination process for Fire Fighter I candidates who have received their training outside of an ARTP or ALA. All ARTPs and ALAs shall have the Fire Fighter I certification examination process fully implemented no later than December 31, 2017.

Fire Fighter I Certification: SFT is currently issuing Fire Fighter I (2013) Certification to candidates that have successfully completed the training, task book and occupational experience. These candidates are not eligible to receive IFSAC/Pro Board certification as they have not successfully completed the certification examination process. These candidates will be eligible to upgrade their certification to include IFSAC/Pro Board certification if they complete the certification examination process at a later date. After December 31, 2018 candidates that submit their complete application for certification must have completed the certification examination process.

Fire Fighter I Certification and Examination Implementation Time Line

