



◆ Frequently Asked Questions ◆ Transitioning to **TRAINING INSTRUCTOR** Curricula and Certification (Feb 2010)

Q: I am in the process of taking the courses required for my Fire Officer certificate. I have taken Fire Instructor 1A, but was not planning on taking Fire Instructor 1B until March 2010. Is this still possible?

A: Yes, in a way. The current Fire Officer certification requirements still require only two instructor courses. Listed below are the combinations of old and new curricula that can be used for Fire Officer certification:

- 1) Fire Instructor 1A and Fire Instructor 1B
- 2) Fire Instructor 1A and Training Instructor 1A
- 3) Fire Instructor 1B and Training Instructor 1B
- 4) Training Instructor 1A and Training Instructor 1B

Q: I want to become a certified Fire Instructor I. Can I still apply?

A: No. The deadline to apply for Fire Instructor I certification was September 30, 2009.

Q: I want to become a certified Training Instructor. I've completed Fire Instructor 1A. What other classes do I need to complete?

A: The new Training Instructor certification requires completing all three of the new Training Instructor classes. The old Fire Instructor classes do not apply. You would need to complete Training 1A, 1B, and 1C to meet the educational requirements.

Q: I want to teach State Fire Training courses. Do I need to get certified as a Fire Instructor I or Training Instructor?

A: No. Certification is not required to become a registered instructor. Registered instructors go through an application and review process that is separate from certification. Certification is a professional recognition of training, education, and experience. Many fire departments use certification as a benchmark for application, promotion and pay incentives.

Q: I'm currently a registered instructor and teach several SFT classes. How does this impact my instructor status?

A: If you are already registered to teach classes with SFT, this transition has no impact on you as long as your instructor registration remains in good standing. The one exception is if you have plans to become a registered Master Instructor. More detailed information, including a timeline is available on our website.

Q: I am in the process of taking the courses required to **become a registered instructor** and teach SFT classes. I have taken Fire Instructor 1A, but have not taken Fire Instructor 1B. What are my options for completing the instructor training requirements?

A: Listed below are the combinations of old and new curricula that can be used for instructor registration. These combinations **can be used until June 30, 2011**.

- 1) Fire Instructor 1A and Fire Instructor 1B
- 2) Fire Instructor 1A, Training Instructor 1A, and Training Instructor 1C
- 3) Fire Instructor 1B, Training Instructor 1B, and Training Instructor 1C
- 4) Training Instructor 1A, Training Instructor 1B, Training Instructor 1C

Q: I've completed Fire Instructor 1A and 1B and currently attending the Level 2 and 3 Instructor classes with the intent of eventually becoming a registered Master Instructor. How does this affect me?

A: You will need to finish your classes and become registered before June 30, 2011 in order for your Fire Instructor 1A and 1B classes to be eligible. If you are not able to meet the deadline, you will have to go back and take Training Instructor 1A, 1B, and 1C before you can become registered as a Master Instructor and teach the Level 1 instructor courses.