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The Community Risk Officer course presents educational concepts, practices, and resources across a wide range of fire service topics, ranging from crisis communications to juvenile fire setters. The revised certification training standards would be inadequate if basic emergency medical services issues were not addressed. The team working with the knowledge that the majority of services provided by fire agencies is EMS related ensured this critical area was addressed. The revised standards ensure instructional preparation, presentation and evaluation, and represents consensus among professional EMS educators as to essential knowledge, skills, and practices required to provide quality EMS educational programs. At the conclusion of the course, students will, at minimum, be able to:

- Organize and prepare materials for presentation;
- Prepare instructional aids;
- Determine the equipment and materials needed to teach specific curriculum courses;
- Evaluate student performance and provide corrective feedback to improve subsequent student performance;
- Develop a mechanism for evaluating the effectiveness of an EMS educational program;
- Select curriculum materials appropriate to the level of course being taught, and effectively deliver each lesson contained in an EMS curriculum, as measured by overall student performance on course objectives.

Community Risk Educator, Specialist, and Officer are the three new certification levels in accordance with NFPA 1035 Standard for Fire Life Safety Educator. Additionally, the Community Risk Officer standards team utilized State Fire Marshal Authority, Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist, I and II; Fire Life Safety Educator I, II, III; and Public Information Officer material to ensure a high level of excellence.

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