

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 19, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 13

CALIFORNIA FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM, ARTICLE 1 AND 2 FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS: 1980.06, 1990.00, 1990.01, 1990.02,
1990.03, 1990.04, 1990.06, 1990.11, 1990.12.

UPDATE OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

MATERIALS ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE AS DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON

The Strategic Plan: Blueprint 2020 is entered into the rulemaking record as a document relied upon.

Strategic Plan: Blueprint 2020

In 2008, stakeholders to the California Fire Training System assembled and developed a new strategic plan entitled “Blueprint 2020.” This strategic plan, available for review at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/training/pdf/BP2020finaldraft0108.pdf>, identifies, defines, and describes an updated training and education model for the California State Fire Training System. Stakeholders involved in its development represented local, state and federal California career and volunteer fire fighters, fire chiefs, organized labor, training officers, and community colleges in support of and their commitment to the implementation of this strategic plan.

Blueprint 20/20 was developed from an internal needs analysis that identified specific areas of improvement and suggested that systemic change is overdue. These areas include: Quality Control, Data Management, Outdated Curriculum, Certification, Continuing Education, Professional Development, Lack of Innovation, and Understaffing. The actualization of this strategic plan required an update to the regulations as well as the referenced documents: SFT Procedures Manual and the Course Information and Required Materials Manual.

The Assembly Bill 2917 is entered into the rulemaking record as a document relied upon.

Assembly Bill 2917, February 22, 2008, Torrico.

In 2008, Assembly Bill 2917, Torrico, Chapter 274, filed August 28, 2008, contained requirements for agencies certifying emergency medical technicians to conduct a background check. The background check requirement was outside the scope of capabilities for the OSFM training Division. The elimination of the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification program required a complete reformatting and restructuring of the SFT Procedures Manual.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIC SECTIONS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL NECESSITY TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR AMENDMENTS MADE IN THE 45-DAY LANGUAGE:

Section 1980.06. The referenced code section was incorrectly identified. This editorial change clarifies the responsibilities of the Division Chief of State Fire Training.

Section 1990.00. Editorial changes were made to identify form titles and to re-format the numbering which has no regulatory effect. The student course evaluation form was inadvertently omitted from the text of the regulation and added to the list of forms under (a)9 for clarification and consistency with the forms listed in the SFT Procedures Manual in Section 11, Forms and Checklists. The addition has no regulatory effect.

Section 1990.01. Previously this section did not list the documents incorporated by reference ie. the Certification Training Standards Guides (CTS). These guides were developed and based on NFPA (National Fire Protection Association Standards) which are referenced in each guide. Fire fighter job performance requirements are identified in the Certification Training Standards Guides (CTS). The CTS forms the basis of all the classes in the SFT system. During the First 15-Day notice the SFM did not consider the necessity of adding the Certification Training Standards (CTS) in the regulation. During this Second 15-Day Express Terms/Initial Statement of Reasons the SFM is providing clarity to the text by listing each of the 18 CTS so that members of the fire service can better chart their career pathways.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The Certification Training Standards Guides (CTS) are entered into the rulemaking record as documents incorporated by reference.

The Certification Training Standards Guides based on National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards

The 18 CTS guides that are incorporated by reference are added to the text of regulations in Section 1990.01. Many fire service related classes require updates or to be completely rewritten according to National firefighting standards. The NFPA offers the most complete set of standards for fire fighters. The OSFM references the job performance requirements found in the NFPA standards, but does not adopt the standards. Certification training standards (CTS) are used in the development of specific classes. The NFPA documents are made available from the agency, or are reasonably available to the affected public from a commonly known or specified source.

It would be cumbersome, unduly expensive or otherwise impractical to publish these documents in the California Code of Regulations. The documents are made available from the agency, or are reasonably available to the affected public from a commonly known or specified source.

Section 1990.02. Editorial changes that were not clearly identified after the first 15 day notice which are corrected here to improve clarity for the regulated public.

Section 1990.03. The edited section provides clarity as to when an instructor must develop an end of course summative test so that student learning/performance can be determined.

Section 1990.04. The established process allows instructors to communicate with State Fire Training through email. Email was selected as the most efficient form of communication with SFT staff to encourage instructors to provide updated contact information. This edit provides clarity and has no regulatory impact.

Section 1990.06. A typographical error was corrected with no regulatory impact.

Section 1990.11. This information was added to the regulations to provide clarity to the concept of an “update class.” Instructors need to update their profile so that when a curriculum is changed or renewed, SFT staff knows how to notify the instructor for the changes to the curriculum. The inclusion of this information has no regulatory impact on the regulated public as it has been a common policy from the inception of the training division.

Section 1990.12(c). This section has been eliminated from the regulations as instructors now administer their own retake test. The removal of this fee and renumbering this section has no regulatory effect.