



# California State Fire Training

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### Command 1A (2012) Prerequisite Alternatives for Students Attending Community College

#### Background Information

The prerequisite for Command 1A (2012) includes: completion of Fire Fighter I training; I-200: Basic ICS; Prevention 1: Fire and Life Safety Inspections for the Company Officer OR Prevention 1A: Introduction into the California Fire Code and Prevention 1B: Inspection of Fire Protection Systems/Special Hazards.

Community colleges serving a large contingent of Volunteer or Combination Fire Departments are cancelling their Command 1A classes due to low enrollment because of the Fire Prevention 1 or Prevention 1A and 1B prerequisite. Firefighters are primarily interested in attending Command 1A to develop and improve their tactical command skills. The cancellation of Command 1A classes also affects career firefighters working toward their Company Officer certification and may place an unfair burden on the college.

#### Alternative Prerequisite

Students who wish to take Command 1A, and who have not completed Prevention 1, may do so provided they meet and/or demonstrate the following:

1. Have completed a minimum of 8 hours (total) of Building Construction and Fire Protection Systems/Pre-Fire Plans curriculum, OR
2. Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Instructor that they possess a working knowledge of these topics to be successful in the course.

Both of these alternatives shall be validated by the instructor with either a verbal or written pre-course quiz performed by the instructor at the beginning of the class. Community colleges are encouraged to continue providing the Prevention 1: Fire and Life Safety Inspections for the Company Officer and Command 1A whenever practical. This alternative is in effect until the retirement of Command 1A and Prevention 1 on December 31, 2016. This Training Bulletin does not provide an exemption for Prevention 1 for Fire Officer Certification purposes.