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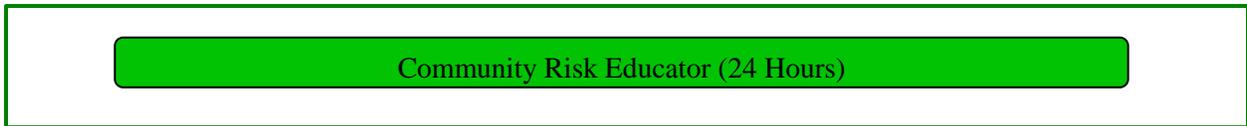


Community Risk Educator Certification Implementation of New Curriculum and Certification Requirements

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the new Community Risk Educator curriculum and certification requirements. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

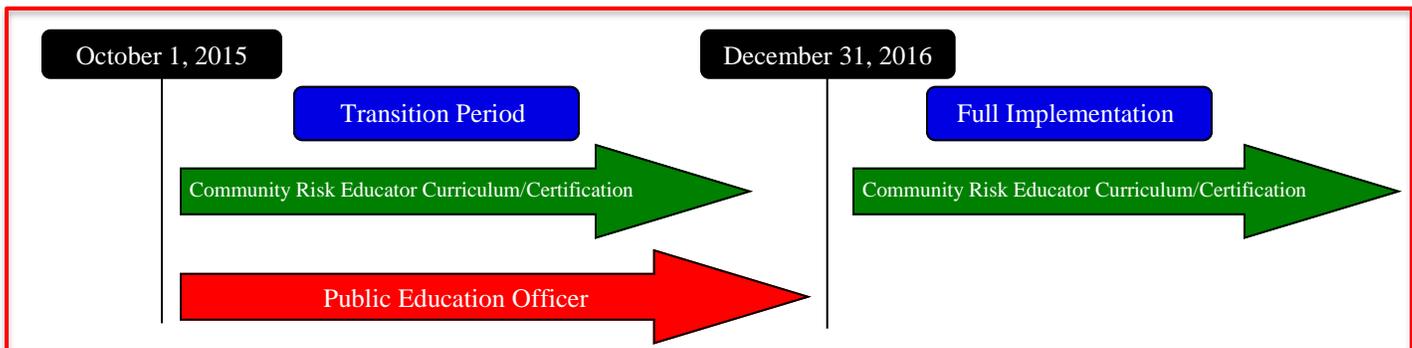
New Community Risk Educator (2014) curriculum and certification requirements will be phased in for the California Fire Service Training and Education System. A new Certification Training Standard (CTS) with one (1) Course Plan has been developed based on current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards, which includes NFPA 1035, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator (2010). The CTS and Course Plan will be available on the SFT website.

New Course for Community Risk Educator Certification



Existing Public Education Officer Certification and courses will continue to be available until December 31, 2016 for those candidates that find it most advantageous to continue pursuing this certification track. Candidates who choose to meet the existing Public Education Officer Certification must complete the Certification by the above date. The Public Education Officer Certification or its content will not cross over to the New Community Risk Educator Certification.

Public Education Officer Certification to The New Community Risk Educator Certification Change Timeline



Certification Testing: In response to Blueprint 2020 stakeholder comments, certification examinations will become a standardized process statewide. SFT anticipates implementation of certification examinations for the new Community Risk Educator Certification at a future date.

Task Books/Application Form: Implementation of the new Community Risk Educator (2014) requires that candidates complete a comprehensive task book. This task book covers all of the job performance requirements contained in the aforementioned professional qualification standards and CTS. The task book will be made available to candidates by SFT upon completion of all course work and with authorization from their employer. Occupational experience will be verified by the Fire Chief or designee on file signing the task book upon completion. In addition a new application form will be implemented.

TRANSITION PERIOD.....Effective October 1, 2015 - December 31, 2016

SFT recognizes that many candidates are vested in the current Public Education Officer track and, therefore, the existing Public Education Officer Curriculum and Certification requirements will be available for those candidates during the transition period. Candidates entering the certification system should enroll in the new Community Risk Educator course and comply with the new Community Risk Educator Certification requirements. There is no cross over between these courses.

COURSE/CERTIFICATION PHASE OUTEffective December 31, 2016

Effective December 31, 2016 the Public Education Officer Certification will no longer be supported by SFT and will be retired.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS Effective October 1, 2015

Instructors for the new Community Risk Educator course must continue to meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor. In addition, the following transition exceptions apply:

Community Risk Educator Course: Current Instructors of Public Education Officer combined with the required course prerequisites are authorized to deliver this course. New instructors will be required to either complete the new course or apply for a PACE II review of their instructor qualifications, including appropriate education included in the new course plan and practical experience relating to course content.

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Fire agencies utilizing the existing Public Education Officer Certification or Curriculum as a requirement for their recruitment/promotion activities need to review the new Community Risk Educator Curriculum and certification requirements to be sure that all agency training needs are being met. After review, Fire Agencies should update their job specifications and recruitment documentation to reflect the new course and certification requirements.

Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP), Accredited Local Academies (ALA), community colleges and all other local delivery venues need to review the curriculum and seek approval from their curriculum committee / program sponsor, as appropriate. ARTPs should review the new Community Risk Educator curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.