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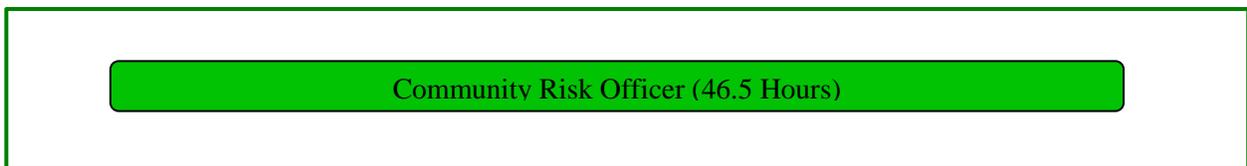


Community Risk Officer Certification Implementation of New Curriculum and Certification Requirements

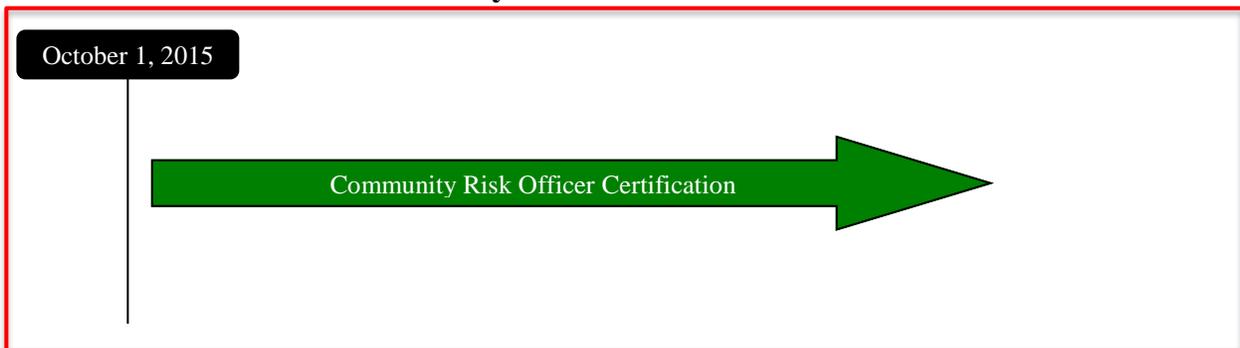
This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the new Community Risk Officer curriculum and certification requirements. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

New Community Risk Officer (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 Courses for Community Risk Officer Certification



The New Community Risk Officer Certification 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 Officer Certification at a future date.

Task Books/Application Form: Implementation of the new Community Risk Officer (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.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS Effective October 1, 2015

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

Community Risk Officer 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 Officer 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 Officer curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.