



California State Fire Training



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INTERIM SFT PROCEDURES

Procedure Title: Community Risk Specialist

Effective Date: November 20, 2014

Section Change: **Title: Community Risk Certification**

As of December 31, 2016 the Public Education Officer I certification will be retired and replaced with the Community Risk Officer certification series. Community Risk Specialist is the second certification in the new Community Risk Officer series.

Prerequisites:

Certified Community Risk Educator

Educational Requirements

The following courses are required:

- Community Risk Specialist

Certification Exam:

Not applicable (at this time)

Certification Task Book:

Community Risk Specialist certification task book

Experience:

Have a minimum of one year full-time paid or two years volunteer or part-time paid experience in a Recognized Fire Agency in California in fire and life safety education

Rank or Position:

None

Candidate Application:

To apply for a certification task book.

1. Download (from the SFT website), complete and submit:
 - a. The SFT Fee Schedule
 - b. The certification task book application for the job function certification being pursued
2. A complete certification task book application package includes:
 - a. The SFT Fee Schedule
 - b. Nonrefundable payment by check or money order (payable to CAL FIRE – State Fire Training)
 - c. The certification task book application
 - d. All supporting and verification documentation
3. Submit the complete certification task book application package to:

State Fire Training
Attn: Cashier
PO Box 997446
Sacramento, CA 95899-7446

This Interim Procedure provides guidance and/or interpretation on State Fire Training Procedures and shall be effective for 12 months from the approval date.

To apply for Community Risk Specialist certification

1. Submit a completed certification task book to State Fire Training and include any additional supporting documents.

New Community Risk Specialist Candidates

Candidates beginning to pursue Community Risk Specialist certification as of October 1, 2015 should utilize the new Community Risk Specialist curriculum.

Equivalency Period

There is NO equivalency between the retired Public Education Officer I course and the new Community Risk Specialist course.

Justification:

The State Board of Fire Services has approved the Community Risk Specialist curriculum and associated changes in the certification track educational requirements. These changes are directed at meeting the specific Job Performance Requirements for Community Risk Specialist established in NFPA standard 1035.

The current SFT Procedures Manual dated May 2008 only includes the Public Education Officer I curriculum and certification educational requirements. This creates confusion for candidates attempting to obtain Community Risk Specialist.

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