Fire Inspector Certification
Implementation of New Certification and Course Requirements

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on changes to Fire Prevention Officer and Fire Protection Specialist Certification. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

CERTIFICATION NAME CHANGES  ..................  Effective August 1, 2013 - December 31, 2014

FIRE INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION CHANGES

- **Existing** Fire Prevention Officer I  ➔  **New** Fire Inspector I
- **Existing** Fire Protection Specialist  ➔  **New** Fire Inspector II

- **Discontinued:** Fire Prevention Officer Certification will be retired.
- **New:** Fire Inspector I Certification will replace the existing Fire Prevention Officer Certification.
- **Discontinued:** Fire Protection Specialist Certification will be retired.
- **New:** Fire Inspector II Certification will replace the existing Fire Protection Specialist Certification.

CURRENT FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER AND FIRE PROTECTION SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION CANDIDATES  ......  Effective December 31, 2014

- Candidates pursuing Fire Prevention Officer Certification under the existing requirements must complete all requirements, submit their fees and applications to SFT prior to December 31, 2014.
- Candidates pursuing Fire Protection Specialist Certification under the existing requirements must complete all requirements, submit their fees and applications to SFT prior to December 31, 2014.
- There is no lock-in to continue with these certifications after December 31, 2014.
- Effective December 31, 2014, Fire Prevention Officer and Fire Protection Specialist certification will cease to be issued by SFT.
COURSE CHANGES .................................................. Effective August 1, 2013

Discontinued courses

Existing Fire Prevention Officer

- Fire Prevention 1A
- Fire Prevention 1B
- Fire Prevention 1C

New Fire Inspector I

- Fire Inspector 1A
- Fire Inspector 1B
- Fire Inspector 1C
- Fire Inspector 1D

Existing Fire Protection Specialist

- Fire Prevention 2A
- Fire Prevention 2B
- Fire Prevention 2C

New Fire Inspector II

- Fire Inspector 2A
- Fire Inspector 2B
- Fire Inspector 2C
- Fire Inspector 2D

Note: There is no equivalency between the existing and new courses.

- Discontinued: Fire Prevention 1A (2009), 1B (2009), 1C (1987) will be phased out as the required curriculum for Fire Inspector I.


TRANSITION PERIOD ........................................... Effective August 1, 2013 - December 31, 2014

- Discontinued Fire Prevention and new Fire Inspector courses can continue to be delivered during this transition period.

EQUIVALENCY PERIOD .................................................. Effective August 1, 2013

- There is no equivalency between the discontinued Fire Prevention courses and the new Fire Inspector courses.

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PREREQUISITE CHANGES ............................................. Effective August 1, 2013

* Fire Inspector I Certification is a required prerequisite for Fire Inspector II Certification.

* SFT will recognize previous coursework and will provide an opportunity to complete a current track or new certification courses. To accommodate this, existing Fire Prevention Officer Certification may be used to meet the Fire Inspector II prerequisite.

* Candidates in the Fire Inspector track should **not** be taking courses in the Fire Prevention Officer or Fire Protection Specialist certification tracks.

REGISTERED INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS .............. August 1, 2013 - December 31, 2014


POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

* Fire agencies utilizing either Fire Prevention courses or Fire Prevention officer and/or Fire Protection Specialist Certification as minimum qualifications for recruitment may need to review the new Fire Inspector Curriculum and Certification Track requirements to see if local implementation may need to be updated.