

The FIRELINE

December 2009 Report

OSFM Monthly Report

- Message from Tonya L. Hoover
- Fire Engineering Division
- Pipeline Safety Division
- Code Development and Analysis Division
- Fire and Resource Assessment Program
- Fire and Life Safety Division
- Law Enforcement Division

The Fireline

- 2009 Training Officers Symposium
- Fire Instructor of the Year Award
- Training Instructor Capstone Testing



OSFM Headquarters:
1131 S. Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/>



<http://sft.fire.ca.gov>

State Fire Training Division

2009 Training Officers Symposium:

The 2009 Fire Training Officers symposium sponsored by the California Fire Chiefs Association, Training Officers Section was attended by over 450 firefighters and was supported and attended by State Fire Training staff including; Chief Mike Richwine, Mary Wilshire, Administrative Manager; Alicia Hamilton, Fire Services Training Specialist III (FSTS III); Linda Menchaca, Instructor Registration; Rodney Slaughter, DSFM III; Ken Vollenweider, DSFM III; Ramiro Rodriguez, DSFM III and Mike Garcia, DSFM III.

California Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES) and Fire Service Training Education Program (FSTEP) courses were offered by State Fire Training during this annual event and included:

- Deputy Vollenweider presented the final Fire Control 3(A&B) instructor update class. To date, 225 registered instructors have taken this important update course.
- Deputy Slaughter presented the Emergency Response to Alternate Fuel Vehicles program. The program was presented at the Fresno Area Express with a variety of alternative fuel vehicles. This course was very informative and may be included in Auto Extrication courses as an addendum in the future. Deputy Slaughter also presented an "AFG" grant writing course to interested attendees.
- Deputy Rodriguez presented the "Training Mandates" course. This course provided information on various governmental laws and codes related to personnel training and potential liabilities to all fire departments.
- There were two Regional Instructor Orientation (RIO) courses presented by FSTS III Hamilton with Linda Menchaca, and Deputy Vollenweider. Both one day courses were filled to capacity with a total of 60 students.
- State Fire Training also provided an information booth, staffed by Linda Menchaca, who provided informational handouts and answered questions from attendees. One of the most frequent questions was regarding the new Training Instructor courses.



Linda Menchaca

Other State Fire Training courses were provided by the members of the Training Officers association and Registered State Fire Training Instructors; which has proven to be an invaluable method of training current and future instructors.

The FIRELINE

December 2009 Report

OSFM Monthly Report

- Message from Tonya L. Hoover
- Fire Engineering Division
- Pipeline Safety Division
- Code Development and Analysis Division
- Fire and Resource Assessment Program
- Fire and Life Safety Division
- Law Enforcement Division

The Fireline

- 2009 Training Officers Symposium
- Fire Instructor of the Year Award
- Training Instructor Capstone Testing



OSFM Headquarters:
1131 S. Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/>



<http://sft.fire.ca.gov>

Be sure you don't miss the conference next year! The tentative date is November 15 – 19 at the same location in Fresno. Check "Training Officers" at: <http://www.calchiefs.org> for updates and courses to be presented.

Photographs of other "hands on" training events at various locations within the City of Fresno.



Auto Extrication



Rescue Systems 1



Low Angle Rope Rescue Operations

The FIRELINE

December 2009 Report

OSFM Monthly Report

- Message from Tonya L. Hoover
- Fire Engineering Division
- Pipeline Safety Division
- Code Development and Analysis Division
- Fire and Resource Assessment Program
- Fire and Life Safety Division
- Law Enforcement Division

The Fireline

- 2009 Training Officers Symposium
- Fire Instructor of the Year Award
- Training Instructor Capstone Testing



OSFM Headquarters:
1131 S. Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/>



<http://sft.fire.ca.gov>

Fire Instructor of the Year Award

Congratulations to Fire Service Training Specialist III, Alicia Hamilton of OSFM State Fire Training! She is the recipient of the 2009 Ed Bent award which was presented to her at the statewide California Fire Chiefs Training Officers Symposium. This award was created many years ago on behalf of Ed Bent for his contribution as a founding father of Statewide Training and Curriculum for the Fire Service in California. The award is presented annually at the symposium in recognition of the outstanding Fire Instructor of the year. Alicia was awarded this honor because she is a training specialist that conducts classes (Instructor Orientation and EMT Instructor) throughout the state of California which have an affect on all of the fire service instructors throughout the state. In addition to this she has been part of every State Fire Marshal curriculum rewrite during her 25 years with State Fire Training. It is safe to say that every Training Officer or instructor in the state who is involved with any training outside of their department has interacted with Alicia. She is admired for her corporate knowledge and they way she always puts her heart and soul into the curriculum because she wants it to be current and the best. The Training Officers could see that it is not just a job for her and this is why it was important for her to be recognized. The Ed Bent award brings special meaning to Alicia. She worked with Ed Bent early in her career and is personally aware of his efforts and contributions to the fire services training standards. Both Ed and Alicia are the only OSFM staff to be recipients of this award. When asked what this means to her, she said it helps her to realize that she is making a difference to the fire service community.



*Fire Services Training Specialist III,
Alicia Hamilton*

Training Instructor Capstone Testing Begins January 2010

The State Fire Training Capstone Program is a "performance based" system. It starts with a Position Task Book of qualifying individual performance and culminates in a comprehensive summative test. The summative test covers the topics included in the required State Fire Training courses for the position.

The Training Instructor Capstone Task Book contains the "approved standards" in the form of tasks, which have been established by State Fire Training and support the 2007 NFPA 1041 Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications. Before its publication, the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) and the State Board of Fire Services (SBFS) recommended this task book for adoption by the State Fire Marshal (SFM).

The FIRELINE

December 2009 Report

OSFM Monthly Report

- Message from Tonya L. Hoover
- Fire Engineering Division
- Pipeline Safety Division
- Code Development and Analysis Division
- Fire and Resource Assessment Program
- Fire and Life Safety Division
- Law Enforcement Division

The Fireline

- 2009 Training Officers Symposium
- Fire Instructor of the Year Award
- Training Instructor Capstone Testing



OSFM Headquarters:
1131 S. Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/>



<http://sft.fire.ca.gov>

The Capstone Task Book

The Training Instructor Capstone Task Book serves as a guide and record of what needs to be completed for certification.

How is a Task Book Started?

The task book can be downloaded from State Fire Training's website. Any section of the task book that must be completed in a specific order will be clearly identified within the section.

Completing the Task Book

The Training Instructor Capstone Task Book can be started after completing Training Instructor 1A and 1B. Any change in certification requirements taking place while a candidate's task book is open will necessitate initiating a new task book and meeting all current certification requirements.

The Capstone Test

The Training Instructor Capstone Test can be taken after the task book has been completed as long as the task book is still valid and no certification requirement changes have occurred.

Scheduled Dates and Locations:

- January 6 or 7, 2010, Modesto
Gail Campbell - (209) 549-7028 John Sola - (209) 549-7030
- January 12 or 13, 2010, San Jose
David Churchill - (408) 277-8350
- January 26 or 27, 2010, Santa Fe Springs
Tracy Rickman - trickman@riohondo.edu

Retaking the Capstone Test

If the candidate fails the capstone test, the test can be retaken after 30 days. A retake fee is required. There are no retake limits for the capstone test as long as the candidate's task book remains valid.

