



THE FIRELINE



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Letter from the Chief

By Mike Richwine



This is our busiest time of year in State Fire Training. As our fire fighters are coming off the line with the close of wildland fire season, the demand for State Fire Training (SFT) services is increasing. This time of year also provides for the most enjoyable aspect of our commitment to our stakeholders and partners as we participate in fire services conferences and seminars throughout the state.

In the past few months, SFT was represented at the California Fire Chiefs and League of City Chiefs annual conferences as well as the Training Officers Annual Fall Symposium and the Hazardous Materials conference, "The Continuing Challenge." A major theme of our presentations at these events is the SFT draft strategic plan, [Blue Print 20/20](#). This document, funded through the California Fire Chiefs Association, details a new business model that will meet the professional development needs of the fire service today and in the future. The latest draft of the [Blueprint 20/20](#), version 2.1, is available at: <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/pdf/training/blueprintStrategicPlan102006.pdf>

More events are planned in coming months including the California Fire Prevention Institute Annual Workshop in March (www.firepreventionofficers.org) and the California Fire Mechanics Academy in April (www.cafiremech.com).

Our latest edition of **The Fireline** highlights the Ethical Leadership in the Classroom course required for instructors. The courses scheduled in this issue are provided at no cost to ensure current instructors have an opportunity to comply with the deadline established by the State Fire Marshal as recommended by the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC).

A cadre of instructors is being developed for this course to provide additional regional and local delivery as an FSTEP Course. This version of **The Fireline** also contains a link to an update from the California Incident Command Certifications System (CICCS) Committee and preparations for a California ICS Qualifications Guide patterned after the NWCG 310-1.

There are exciting changes ahead for State Fire Training. There will be many opportunities for involvement in workgroups that will implement those changes. We will use **The Fireline** to keep you informed as State Fire Training moves forward.

Instructor Database Available Online

State Fire Training converted our current instructor database, which had more than 3,000 names on it, to a new system. We only included information on our "active" instructors – an instructor who was the primary instructor for a CFSTES or FSTEP class within the past three years.

If you are an instructor, but do not find your name on this new database, please provide us with your current information by completing the Instructor Profile Update link in the "Downloads" section of the SFT webpage at

<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/TrainingInstructorProfile.html>

CICCS

The California Incident Command Certifications Systems (CICCS) Committee is working to standardize the implementation of the Incident Command System (ICS) within California. They are adding new agency members to involve as many responding groups as possible. You can read the minutes from their recent meeting by clicking here:

<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/pdf/training/ciccsupdate1106.pdf>

Fire Fighter II Requirements Changed

Effective September 1, 2006, the requirement to complete a Confined Space Rescue Operations course has been removed from Fire Fighter II. An updated training record is available to download from our website. In addition, the Fire Fighter Certification Training Standards have been modified to reflect this change.

Training Officer of the Year

Congratulations to Battalion Chief Steve Cavallero of Redwood City Fire Department. He is the winner of the Ed Bent Instructor of the Year award. Chief Cavallero has been involved in fire training for the past 15 years. He is the president of the San Mateo County Training Officers Association and has been very active in NorCal Training. He has coordinated training courses and personally delivered safety training to hundreds of fire fighters since the early 1990s. Chief Cavallero received his award at the Training Officers' Symposium this fall in Fresno.

SFT Policies and Procedures Manual

Fifth Printing Available

Keep your eye on the "Downloads" section of our website to be sure you have the most current printing of the SFT Policies and Procedures Manual. Since its release May 2006, the manual has been tweaked five times. A summary of changes is included on page "V" of the manual that identifies all the modifications. Many changes are just for format or grammar, but some may have a significant impact in an area that concerns your training and long-term career goals.

Fifth Printing, December 1, 2006

- Modified the eligible ICS classes according to NWCG catalog. (Pages 55 and 56)
 - Deleted
 - I-401: Multiagency Coordination
 - S-211: Portable Pumps and Water Use
 - S-217: Interagency Helicopter Training Guide
 - S-301: Leadership and Organizational Development

Fireline Fact:

Connie Tepner approved 1,973 classes this year within SFT! That's a lot of fact checking!

Added

- S-271: Helicopter Crewmember

Title Change

- S-336: Fire Suppression Tactics became Tactical Decision Making in Wildland Fire
- S-131: Advanced Fire Fighter Training became Fire Fighter Type 1 Training
- Added the following to the instructor responsibilities. (Pages 67 and 161)
Abiding by the information and requirements listed in the Course Information and Required Materials manual for the course.
- Reduced the number of Fire Control classes required to teach before qualifying as a Senior Fire Control Instructor. (Page 75)
- Added instructor responsibilities to Confined Space Rescue Operations and Rescue Systems 1. (Pages 152-153 and 201-203)
- Modified language for EMT recertification. (Page 171)
- Reviewed and modified the CDF Equivalent Courses for Company Officer Academy (COA) by removing Fire Command 1B as an equivalency. (Page 213)
- Deleted Appendix A.

Fourth Printing, October 4, 2006

- Fixed the teaching experience for Fire Control Senior Instructor. (Page 76)

Third Printing, August 31, 2006

- Revised the name of the PACE II committee to PACE II workgroup. (Page 8)
- Revised the membership criteria for PACE III. (Page 10)
- Revised "company" officer to "suppression" officer in the rank and experience requirement for Command instructor. (Page 47)
- Removed Confined Space Rescue Operations from the Fire Fighting and Rescue list of instructors. This course has its own section in the manual. (Page 52)
- Replaced Low Angle Rescue from the Fire Fighting and Rescue list of instructors with Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational. (Page 52)
- Included the task book requirement for Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational and Rapid Intervention Crew Tactics instructors. (Page 53)
- Revised experience requirement for Fire Chief Certification. (Page 132)
- Added a provision for clinical experience as required by Title 22 for EMT-I basic courses. (Page 161)

Second Printing, June 7, 2006

- Pagination fixed.
- Language changes in the Fire Mechanic series. (Pages 114-125)

PACE II Workgroups North & South

Thanks to everyone who showed their support and interest in our PACE II workgroups. We have changed the structure of the meetings by establishing two defined groups, one Northern and one Southern. Both workgroups consist of 11 appointed representatives who will meet twice a year and have agreed to a two-year commitment.

We would also like to thank the out going PACE II committee members for their time, expertise, and dedication to this program; we couldn't have done it without you!

If you would like to participate in the next workgroup, submit your name and contact information to Sandy Margullis, the PACE II Coordinator, at Sandy.Margullis@fire.ca.gov. Sandy will be keeping a list of interest parties and will contact them for the 2008 workgroups.

Events

☞ PACE II ☞

Application Due:
February 22, 2007

Next Meeting
March 7, 2007

SFM HQ

11th Annual Fall Symposium

The Training Officers Section, North and South, pulled off another fantastic Fall Symposium in Fresno November 13-17. More than 500 students completed a variety of training classes. During this week, the new Boards for both the Northern and Southern Sections were sworn in. Please congratulate and give your full support to these dedicated individuals.

Northern Section

President: Steve Prziborowski, Santa Clara County Fire Department
1st Vice President, Mark Romer, Roseville Fire Department
2nd Vice President, Brad Amaral, Nevada County Consolidated Fire
Secretary, Dave Franklin, San Francisco Fire Department
Treasurer, Jim Passadore, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
Past President, Doug Fry, Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department
CFA Representative, Bruce Martin, Fremont Fire Chief
SFT Representative, Mike Richwine, Chief

Southern Section

President: Chuck Wilson, Manhattan Beach Fire Department
1st Vice President, Bill White, Atascadero Fire Department
2nd Vice President, Scott Goodwin, Santa Fe Springs Fire Department
Secretary, Tom Pambianco, San Bernardino County Fire Department
Treasurer, Dennis Childress, Orange County Fire Authority
Past President, Thomas Kiesewetter, Long Beach Fire Department
SFT Representative, Mike Richwine, Chief

It was a busy week for State Fire Training staff during the Training Officers 11th Annual Fall Symposium. Chief Richwine participated at various meetings and spoke to numerous groups throughout the week. Alicia Hamilton, Sandy Margullis, and Rodney Slaughter assisted Chief Ron Martin (Contra Costa County Fire Protection District) with four ***Ethical Leadership in the Classroom*** deliveries.



Chief Ron Martin facilitating an Ethical Leadership in the Classroom

In addition to the Ethics classes, Alicia, Sandy, and Rodney taught two ***Regional Instructor Orientations*** to capacity crowds.



SFT Booth at the 2006 Fall Symposium.

This conference provided an opportunity for several State Fire Training staff members to participate. Kim Hines (EMT and Fire Fighter processing), Yolanda Jackson (Staff Assistant), and Connie Tepner (Course Scheduling) staffed our booth on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday so all conference-goers were able to meet STF staff, ask questions, and get information.

We distributed the fourth edition printing

Fireline Fact:

Michelle Aulisio issued 523 certificates this year including 104 to Chief Officers and 98 to Fire Apparatus Driver/Operators!

of the 2006 Policies and Procedures Manual, along with the current Course Information and Required Materials manual.

Blueprint 20/20, the strategic plan for State Fire Training being developed in cooperation with the California Fire Chiefs Association, was also available.

Another training opportunity that State Fire Training participated in was the rollout of the new **Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational** class. This 24-hour course replaces the Low Angle Rescue course and the Low Angle module in the Rescue Systems 1 course. Matt O'Donnell, James Bishop, Kevin Southerland, and Van Riviere were members of the curriculum development team that taught this course at the Symposium. In the future, this new Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational course will be a prerequisite to the Rescue Systems 1 course.



Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational Training during the Fall Symposium.

Ethical Leadership in the Classroom

How you handle ethical decisions in the classroom says a lot about who you are as an instructor, and as a person. During this course, participants examine many ethically challenging situations and ask themselves what they would and what they should do. Many of the issues are easy to decide within the rules and codes of SFT. Others may be more "shades of grey". However, all of the issues addressed during this class are interesting and thought provoking.

Date	Location	Sponsor	Contact	Telephone
1/09/07	Bakersfield	Bakersfield College	Jo Moore	661-395-4331
1/09/07	Concord	Contra Costa County FPD	Reggia Desmond	925-941-3630
1/10/07	Concord	Contra Costa County FPD	Reggia Desmond	925-941-3630
1/16/07	Windsor	Santa Rosa Jr. College	Fred Bunker	707-836-2913
1/17/07	Roseville	Sierra College	Jan Radford-Harris	916-781-6255
2/20/07	Riverside	Riverside Community College	Holly Bow	951-571-6311
2/23/07	Redding	Shasta College	Starlyn Daniels	530-225-4833
3/16/07	Victorville	Victor Valley College	Tom Turner	760-245-4271 ext. 2392
4/16/07	El Cajon	Heartland Fire Training	Charlene Nagy	619-441-1693
4/19/07	Whittier	Rio Hondo Community College	Tracy Rickman	562-941-4082 ext. 23
5/08/07	Monterey	Monterey Peninsula College	Natalie Rodda	831-646-4240
5/09/07	Santa Maria	Allan Hancock College	Christy Lopez	805-922-6411
5/14/07	Carlsbad	Carlsbad Fire Department	Training Battalion Chief	760-931-2116
6/06/07	Modesto	Modesto Jr. College	John Sola	209-549-7030

This class is required for all currently registered State Fire Training instructors. Fire service personnel applying for instructor registration starting July 1, 2007 will also be required to have attended this class. Because of this requirement, preferential registration will be afforded to currently registered SFT instructors.

Register Now!
Don't Wait for a
Class in Your Area!

Please check our
website in January
for additional dates
and locations

Tell us if Your Fire Chief Changes

Just a friendly reminder... If the chief's signature on your application does not match the name in the Fire Service Directory, your application will be rejected. We need a fax on your department letterhead from the current chief confirming that that he/she is the new chief. They may also authorize someone else to sign in their absence. Fax to Kim Hines at (916) 445-8128.



Modesto RIO Class

Regional Instructor Orientation

SFT Instructors offered the RIO around the state this year, and we will be back in 2007 with more. Each class was well attended, many were full. Participants learned how to get their classes approved through the SFT system, how to obtain and use SFT course materials, techniques for breakouts and brainstorming sessions, and most importantly, they networked with SFT staff and their fellow instructors.

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Update:

FEMA is developing a National Credentialing System. Workgroups are creating qualification guidelines for fire fighter, EMS, Haz Mat and Technical Rescue. For more information, check the web at:
www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/mutual_aid.shtm

Meet Yolanda

Yolanda Jackson is the new assistant to Chief Mike Richwine. She says her primary responsibility is "keeping him in order and organized." Yolanda is new to state service. She came from the private sector where she worked in administration, accounting, and analyzing and writing process and procedures. Her last job was with a Sacramento area law firm where she was their Accounting Technician. Her timing is great since she will be supporting the Chief as he oversees the exciting new changes and upgrades in store for State Fire Training. Welcome aboard Yolanda!



Yolanda Jackson

Meet Kim

Kim Hines joined the State Fire Training team in July 2006. Although she was new to OSFM, she was not new to CDF. She had previously served as "Cashier" at CDF headquarters processing and depositing all of the funds that filter through the headquarters office. This gave her a great deal of knowledge and preparation for her new position at State Fire Training where she processes the EMT courses and issues EMT and Fire Fighter certifications.



Kim Hines

Comings and Goings

Connie Tepner has left SFT for Program Accountability where she will provide their administrative support. Connie has been doing a great job with course approval for State Fire Training and we will miss her. (Yes, this is the same Connie Tepner that we mentioned above, who has approved more than 1,900 classes this year.) Hers will be hard shoes to fill. We wish you all the best Connie, and thanks for all of your hard work.

Receive a Link to The FIRELINE

To receive a link to The FIRELINE every time it is updated, please e-mail karen.terrell@fire.ca.gov. Write "Fireline Registration" in the message line. Whenever there is something new within State Fire Training, we will send you a heads-up with a link to the announcement.

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Input welcomed

If you would like to contribute suggestions about the future course of State Fire Training functions and programs, please feel free to email us.