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Title: Fire Fighter I Certification
This Interim Procedure applies to candidates applying for certification utilizing the 2013 curriculum. This certification is available effective January 1, 2015 to candidates that have completed training in conformance with the 2013 curriculum and the criteria below.

Prerequisite:
Public safety first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training that meets the requirements of California Health and Safety Code section 1797.182.

Educational Requirements
A. Confined Space Rescue Awareness
B. Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational
C. Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS-100)
E. Wildland Fire Fighter I
F. Fire Fighter I
   1. This training is verified on the Fire Fighter I Training Record (or an equivalent agency form).
   2. This record must be kept on file in the applicant's agency and should not be submitted to SFT.

Certification Exam:
None (at this time)

Certification Task Book:
Fire Fighter I Capstone Task Book

Experience:
Fire Service (one of the following three options)
1. Have a minimum of six months’ full-time paid experience in a Recognized Fire Agency in California as a fire fighter performing suppression duties
2. Have a minimum of one year's volunteer or part-time paid experience in a Recognized Fire Agency in California as a fire fighter performing suppression duties
3. Have a combination of full-time paid and volunteer or part-time paid experience equal to six months’ full-time paid experience in a Recognized Fire Agency in California as a fire fighter performing suppression duties
   i. Volunteer or part-time paid to full-time paid ratio is 2:1 (for example, two months volunteer or part-time paid = one month full-time paid)

Rank or Position:
A. Appointed to the rank of Fire Fighter
Candidate Application:
A. Download (from the SFT website) and print:
   • The SFT Fee Schedule
B. Complete the certification application, capstone task book and attach all supporting and verification documentation.
C. A complete certification application package includes:
   • The SFT Fee Schedule
   • A nonrefundable payment by check or money order (payable to CAL FIRE-State Fire Training)
   • The Fire Fighter I Certification Application
   • Fire Fighter I Capstone Task Book
   • All supporting and verification documentation
D. Submit the complete certification application package to:
   State Fire Training
   Attn: Cashier
   P.O. Box 997446
   Sacramento, CA 95899-7446

Current Fire Fighter I Candidates
Candidates pursuing Fire Fighter I Certification under the existing requirements must complete all requirements; submit their fees and applications to SFT prior to December 31, 2017.

Justification:
The State Board of Fire Services has approved the Fire Fighter I Curriculum and associated changes in the certification track educational requirements. These changes are directed at meeting the specific Job Performance Requirements for Fire Fighter I established in NFPA standard 1001, Wildland Fire Fighter I in NFPA Standard 1051, Competencies for First Responder Operations, Hazardous Materials in NFPA Standard 472.

The current SFT Procedures Manual dated May 2008 only indicates the old Fire Fighter I Curriculum and certification educational requirements. This creates confusion for candidates attempting to obtain Fire Fighter I Certification.

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