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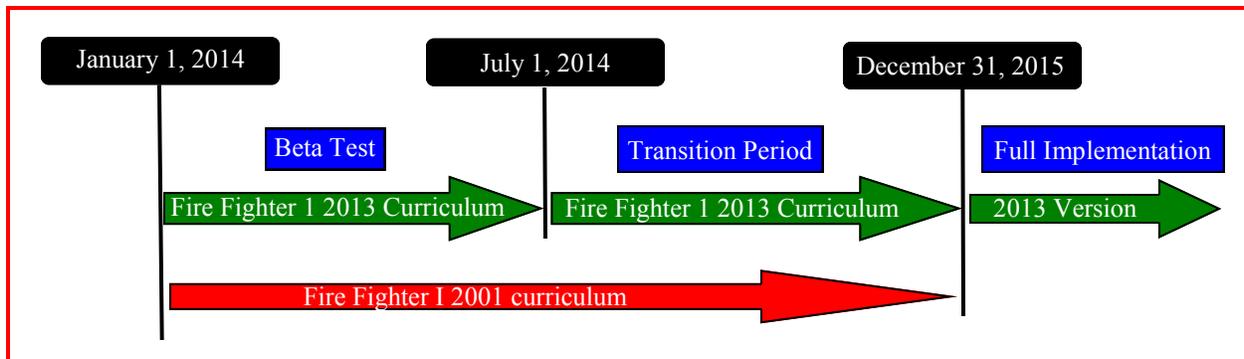
Fire Fighter I Certification Implementation of New Curriculum and Certification Requirements

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on changes to Fire Fighter I curriculum and certification requirements. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

New Fire Fighter I (2013) will be phased in as the new Fire Fighter I curriculum for the California Fire Service Training and Education System. A new Certification Training Standard (CTS) and Course Plan has been developed based on current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards which includes NFPA 1001, Fire Fighter I Professional Qualifications, NFPA 1051, Wildland Fire Fighter I Professional Qualifications, NFPA 472, Competencies for First Responder Operations, Hazardous Materials. The CTS and Course Plan are available on the SFT website.

Certification Examination: SFT has been pursuing accreditation from both IFSAC and Pro Board with Fire Fighter I as the initial offering. A Certification Examination is required by IFSAC and Pro Board and includes both a written test and skills testing. Certification Examinations will become a standardized process statewide to insure uniformity and compliance with IFSAC and Pro Board requirements. The Certification Examination process has not yet been approved, but will be required for this new curriculum at a future date.

Fire Fighter I Curriculum Change Time Line



Beta Test **January 1, 2014 – July 1, 2014**

The Fire Fighter I (2013) curriculum will be beta tested at the Sierra College Accredited Regional Training Program Fire Academy to insure that SFT Certification Examination procedures will fully satisfy IFSAC and Pro Board requirements and that the curriculum fully satisfies the aforementioned professional qualification standards and meets the needs of the California Fire Service for content and delivery.

Task Books/Application Form: In addition to required Certification Examinations, implementation of the new Fire Fighter I (2013) requires that candidates complete a comprehensive task book. This task book covers all of the job performance requirements contained in the aforementioned professional qualification standards. A completed task book will replace the current Fire Fighter I training record. The task book will be made available to candidates, agencies, ARTPs

and ALAs on the SFT website. Occupational experience will be verified by the Fire Chief or designee on file by signing the task book upon completion. In addition a new application form will be implemented and will replace the current Scantron Fire Fighter I application form.

TRANSITION PERIOD Effective July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015

SFT recognizes that during the Beta Test period Fire Fighter I (2001) curriculum will need to be delivered as the Fire Fighter I (2013) edition will not yet be available. Stakeholders who have scheduled Fire Fighter I course deliveries and are not anticipated to be completed by December 31, 2015 should contact SFT to discuss curriculum options.

CURRENT FIRE FIGHTER I CERTIFICATION CANDIDATES July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2017

Candidates pursuing Fire Fighter I Certification under the existing requirements and 2001 curriculum must complete all requirements including occupational experience, and submit their fees and applications to SFT once completed. Beyond December 31, 2017 completion of a certification examination will be required.

COURSE PHASE OUT Effective December 31, 2015

Effective December 31, 2015, Fire Fighter I (2001) will no longer be delivered and the curriculum will be retired.

COURSE PREREQUISITE & COREQUISITE CHANGES..... Effective July 1, 2014

Effective July 1, 2014 Public Safety First Aid and CPR (minimum) as defined by California Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.182 is a prerequisite for the new Fire Fighter I (2013).

Effective July 1, 2014, Confined Space Awareness (1995), IS-100, Introduction to the Incident Command System (FEMA), IS-700.A, National Incident Management System, an Introduction (FEMA) are corequisites for the new Fire Fighter I (2013).

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS Effective July 1, 2014

Instructor requirements for new Fire Fighter I (2013) continue to be Approved Instructors as defined in the SFT Procedures Manual.

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Fire agencies utilizing Fire Fighter I Certification as a minimum qualification for recruitment need to review the new Fire Fighter I (2013) Curriculum to be sure that all agency training needs are being met. If not, the local agency may need to augment the curriculum at the local level. Fire agencies should also research and understand the new task book processing procedures.

Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP), Accredited Local Academies (ALA), community colleges and all other local delivery venues need to review the curriculum and seek approval from their curriculum committee / program sponsor, as appropriate. ARTPs should review the new Fire Fighter I (2013) curriculum and discuss with their advisory committees to determine if the curriculum must be expanded to meet local needs. ARTPs and ALAs should insure they are prepared to conduct certification examinations and understand their role in the process.