Date: April 1, 2017

To: Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman
c/o State Fire Training
1131 S. Street,
Sacramento, California 95811

From: Jim Eastman, Fire Service Training Specialist, State Fire Training

Subject/Agenda Action Item: Certified Instructor Experience Requirement Change

Recommended Actions: Information/Discussion

Background Information:

In 2014, State Fire Training (SFT) implemented the new curriculum and certification requirements for Instructor I and Instructor II. Each level of certification requires 80 hours of classroom teaching experience which totals 160 hours for both Instructor I and Instructor II.

This was the previous requirement for Fire Instructor I, Training Instructor I and Fire Instructor II, required 80 hours of classroom teaching experience each. With implementation of the new Instructor I, these experience requirements were rolled over to the new certification.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

Currently, Registered Instructors are approved to deliver California Fire Service Training Education System (CFSTES) and/or Fire Service Training Education Program (FSTEP) courses for SFT. Registered instructors are required to document 80 hours of classroom teaching experience. SFT is currently in the process of requiring instructor certification in order to deliver SFT curriculum. It was identified that if 80 hours were required for each level of certification, SFT would be requiring more hours than what was the established requirement for Registered Instructors.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation that SFT require candidates for Certified Instructor I to complete 40 hours of classroom teaching experience and candidates for Certified Instructor II to complete 40 hours of classroom teaching experience for a total of 80 hours of classroom teaching experience. This would maintain the equivalency between the registered instructors and the new requirements for Instructors I and II. Both levels (Registered and Instructor II) would have matching amount of hours of teaching classroom experience.

It has been identified that there are approximately 80 candidates currently in the system with tasks books issued under the current requirements. SFT staff would contact these individuals with

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outstanding task books to advise of the modification of 80-hour requirement to 40-hour requirement, if approved.

It is anticipated that some candidates may have already completed and documented 80 hours of classroom teaching experience within the Training Instructor I or Instructor I. If these candidates proceed with Instructor II certification, there would be no additional classroom teaching experience.

Task books would be updated to reflect this change.
Instructor I

Certification Task Book
May 2014

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4.2 Program Management

Definition of Duty (4.2.1) The management of basic resources and the records and reports essential to the instructional process.

1. Assembling Course Materials (4.2.2) Assemble course materials, given a specific topic, so that the lesson plan and all materials, resources, and equipment needed to deliver the lesson are obtained.

   Date Completed ___________________________ Evaluator Verification ___________________________

2. Preparing Resource Requests (4.2.3) Prepare requests for resources, given training goals and current resources, so that the resources required to meet training goals are identified and documented.

   Date Completed ___________________________ Evaluator Verification ___________________________

3. Scheduling Instructional Sessions (4.2.4) Schedule single instructional sessions, given a training assignment, department scheduling procedures, instructional resources, facilities, and timeline for delivery, so that the specified sessions are delivered according to department procedure.

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4. Completing and Submitting Training Records (4.2.5) Complete training records and report forms, given policies and procedures and forms, so that required reports are accurate and submitted in accordance with the procedures.
4.3 Instructional Development

Definition of Duty (4.3.1) The review and adaptation of prepared instructional materials.

5. Determining Needed Adaptations (4.3.2) Review instructional materials, given the materials for a specific topic, target audience, and learning environment, so that elements of the lesson plan, learning environment, and resources that need adaptation are identified.

6. Adapting Lesson Plans (4.3.3) Adapt a prepared lesson plan, given course materials and an assignment, so that the needs of the student and the objectives of the lesson plan are achieved.

4.4 Instructional Delivery

Definition of Duty (4.4.1) The delivery of instructional sessions utilizing prepared course materials.

7. Organizing the Learning Environment (4.4.2) Organize the classroom, laboratory, or outdoor learning environment, given a facility and an assignment, so that lighting, distractions, climate control or weather, noise control, seating, audiovisual equipment, teaching aids, and safety are considered.

8. Presenting Lessons (4.4.3; OSFM) Present prepared cognitive and psychomotor lessons, given a prepared lesson plan that specifies the presentation method(s), so that the method(s) indicated in the plan are used and the stated objectives or learning outcomes are achieved, applicable safety standards and practices are followed, and risks are addressed.
9. **Adjusting Presentations for Changing Circumstances (4.4.4)** Adjust presentation, given a lesson plan and changing circumstances in the class environment, so that class continuity and the objectives or learning outcomes are achieved.

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10. **Maintaining a Safe and Positive Learning Environment (4.4.5)** Adjust to differences in learning styles, abilities, cultures, and behaviors, given the instructional environment, so that lesson objectives are accomplished, disruptive behavior is addressed, and a safe and positive learning environment is maintained.

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11. **Operating Instructional Audiovisual Equipment (4.4.6)** Operate audiovisual equipment and demonstration devices, given a learning environment and equipment, so that the equipment functions properly.

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12. **Utilizing Audiovisual Materials (4.4.7)** Utilize audiovisual materials, given prepared topical media and equipment, so that the intended objectives are clearly presented, transitions between media and other parts of the presentation are smooth, and media are returned to storage.

   Date Completed ___________________________  Evaluator Verification ___________________________

4.5 Evaluation and Testing

   **Definition of Duty (4.5.1)** The administration and grading of student evaluation instruments.

13. **Administering and Conducting Tests (4.5.2)** Administer oral, written, and performance tests, given the lesson plan, evaluation instruments, and evaluation procedures of the agency, so that bias or discrimination is eliminated, the testing is conducted according to procedures, and the security of the materials is maintained.

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14. **Grading and Securing Student Examinations (4.5.3)** Grade student oral, written, or performance tests, given class answer sheets or skills checklists and appropriate answer keys, so the examinations are accurately graded and properly secured.

   Date Completed ___________________________ Evaluator Verification

15. **Reporting Test Results (4.5.4)** Report test results, given a set of test answer sheets or skills checklists, a report form, and policies and procedures for reporting, so that the results are accurately recorded, the forms are forwarded according to procedure, and unusual circumstances are reported.

   Date Completed ___________________________ Evaluator Verification

16. **Providing Evaluation Feedback to Students (4.5.5)** Provide evaluation feedback to students, given evaluation data, so that the feedback is timely; specific enough for the student to make efforts to modify behavior; and objective, clear, and relevant; also, include suggestions based on the data.

   Date Completed ___________________________ Evaluator Verification

17. **Evaluating Student Instructor Lesson Demonstrations (OSFM)** Evaluate other student instructor presentations, given a recent student instructor demonstration and an evaluation form, to provide constructive feedback that identifies strengths and weaknesses of the teaching demonstration.

   Date Completed ___________________________ Evaluator Verification
Experience

The candidate meets the following requirements for experience:

☐ A minimum of one year full-time paid or two years’ volunteer or part-time paid experience in a Recognized California Fire Agency.

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Rank or Position

State Fire Training confirms that there are no rank or position requirements for this job function certification.

Authority

Candidate’s Fire Chief

Candidate’s Fire Chief: ____________________________

Fire Chief’s (or Authorized Designee’s) Printed Name

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State Fire Training Review

I have reviewed this certification task book and verify that the candidate has met all requirements for this job function certification.

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Instructor II

Certification Task Book
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2. Formulating Budget Needs (5.2.3) Formulate budget needs, given training goals, agency budget policy, and current resources, so that the resources required to meet training goals are identified and documented.

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Date Completed               Evaluator Verification

3. Acquiring Training Resources (5.2.4) Acquire training resources, given an identified need, so that the resources are obtained within established timelines, budget constraints, and according to agency policy.

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Date Completed               Evaluator Verification

4. Coordinating Record-Keeping (5.2.5) Coordinate training record-keeping, given training forms, department policy, and training activity, so that all agency and legal requirements are met.

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5. **Evaluating Instructors (5.2.6)** Evaluate instructors, given an evaluation form, department policy, and JPRs, so that the evaluation identifies areas of strengths and weaknesses, recommends changes in instructional style and communication methods, and provides opportunity for instructor feedback to the evaluator.

6. **Creating Lesson Plans (5.3.2)** Create a lesson plan, given a topic, audience characteristics, and a standard lesson plan format, so that the JPRs or learning objectives for the topic are addressed, and the plan includes learning objectives, a lesson outline, course materials, instructional aids, and an evaluation plan.

7. **Modifying Lesson Plans (5.3.3)** Modify an existing lesson plan, given a topic, audience characteristics, and a lesson plan, so that the JPRs or learning objectives for the topic are addressed and the plan includes learning objectives, a lesson outline, course materials, instructional aids, and an evaluation plan.

8. **Conducting Classes and Conference Sessions (5.4.2; OSFM)** Conduct a class using a lesson plan that the instructor has prepared and that involves the utilization of small group discussion and other teaching methods and techniques, given a topic and a target audience, so that the lesson objectives are achieved.

9. **Supervising Training Activities (5.4.3)** Supervise other instructors and students during training, given a training scenario with increased hazard exposure, so that
applicable safety standards and practices are followed, and instructional goals are met.

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5.5 Evaluation and Testing

**Definition of Duty (5.5.1)** The development of student evaluation instruments to support instruction and the evaluation of test results.

10. **Developing Student Evaluation Instruments (5.5.2; OSFM)** Develop student evaluation instruments using a test planning sheet or test blueprint, given learning objectives, audience characteristics, and training goals, so that the evaluation instrument determines if the student has achieved the learning objectives; the instrument evaluates relevant performance in an objective, reliable, and verifiable manner; and the evaluation instrument is bias-free to any audience or group.

Date Completed ___________________________ Evaluator Verification ___________________________

11. **Developing a Class Evaluation Instrument (5.5.3)** Develop a class evaluation instrument, given agency policy and evaluation goals, so that students have the ability to provide feedback to the instructor on instructional methods, communication techniques, learning environment, course content, and student materials.

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Candidate’s Fire Chief: __________________________________________

Fire Chief’s (or Authorized Designee’s) Printed Name

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State Fire Training Review

I have reviewed this certification task book and verify that the candidate has met all requirements for this job function certification.

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State Fire Training Representative’s Signature  Date

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