New Licensing Examination Process

In a move to make the licensing examination process more convenient, CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal will begin conducting licensing examinations at authorized Pearson VUE Testing Centers in 2019. License applicants can now schedule an examination appointment online and take the examination, around their schedule, at more than 100 locations throughout California. As part of this new convenience, there is a $53 fee paid to Pearson VUE.

Examinations for all programs will be available at authorized Pearson VUE Testing Centers including:

- Portable Fire Extinguishers
- Flame Retardant Applicator
- Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems (AES)
- AES - Sprinkler Fitter
- Fireworks and Pyrotechnics
- Special Effects

An applicant will still apply for their license through GovMotus and once they are approved by the Office, they will receive directions from Pearson VUE on how to schedule their examination.

The new testing center homepage is https://home.pearsonvue.com/ca/fire. Complete instructions and details are on that page, including a new Candidate Handbook.

Information regarding all CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal’s Fire Engineering and Investigations Division licensing and programs can be found at http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/structfireengineer/structfireengineer.

Please direct any questions to CalFireSFM@fire.ca.gov.