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Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
c/o State Fire Training

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Fire Fighter 1 & Fire Fighter 2 (2019) Certification & Curriculum Implementation Plan

Recommended Actions:

Motion

Background Information:

The Fire Fighter 1 (FF1) and Fire Fighter 2 (FF2) (2019) curriculum and certification has been developed from national professional standards and meets the needs of the California Fire Service for training content and delivery for entry level personnel. Agencies hosting FF1 and FF2 courses should follow NFPA 1402, Standard on Facilities for Fire Training and Associated Props. NFPA 1402 provides guidance for the planning of fire service training centers, focusing on the main components necessary to accomplish general fire fighter training effectively, efficiently, and safely.

Certification Testing: In response to Blueprint 2020, certification exams will be expanding to FF2. All candidates seeking Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) certification will be required to complete the required psychomotor and cognitive certification exams. Candidates seeking Fire Fighter 2 certification who do not want to complete the FF2 certification exams, should seek the FF2 (2013) certification prior to its retirement.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

- 1) The FF1 (2019) Curriculum and FF2 (2019) Curriculum will be the new standard recognized by SFT. SFT certification testing procedures will continue to fully satisfy IFSAC and Pro Board requirements and meets the needs of the California Fire Service for content and delivery.
- 2) The FF1 (2019) and FF2 (2019) curriculum and certification requirements will be phased in for the California Fire Service Training and Education System. New Certification Training Standards (CTS) along with four (4) Course Plans have been developed based on current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Professional Qualification Standards (NFPA 1001, 1051, and 1072). Reference the Implementation Plan Overview for a detailed description of the four (4) Course Plans.
- 3) The Confined Space Rescue Awareness must be delivered by an approved registered SFT instructor to confirm the mandates of California Law (Cal-OSHA CCR Title 8, Article 108 §5157).
- 4) Fire Fighter Survival may be delivered by either an approved Fire Fighter Instructor or approved SFT Registered Instructor based on AHJ preferences. Reference the Implementation Plan for a detailed description of the delivery options.
- 5) FF1 (2019) will meet Haz Mat FRO/FRA and two of the mission specific trainings (NFPA 1072 Sections 6.1 and 6.6). This is the same as FF1 (2013).
 - a. FF1 2013 had skill sheets for Technical Decontamination. This was also selectable as a random skill for the state skills exam. The CTS and course plan did not have specific training linking back to the skill.
 - b. FF1 2019 is removing the skill from the state skills exam. SFT will make the skill sheet to be used as an optional reference/training, for agencies wanting to train to it.
- 6) The inclusion of IS 200 and IS 800 was determined by the cadre to create stronger alignment with the CAL OES CICCIS Qualifications (2018 Guide) for Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) and Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1). All FEMA courses would be required before the student participates in FF1A-Structural, Module 2. These courses are the minimum standard for state employment and required by most local government agencies.
- 7) The FF1 (2019) Task Book completion has been adjusted to the FF2 (2019) certification. This single Fire Fighter task book will include all job performance requirements (JPRs) for FF1 (2019) and FF2 (2019).
- 8) A FF1 Training Record will be required to be completed by AHJs, which will provide a complete and thorough record of JPRs or Skills being delivered by the AHJ. Copies of the FF1 Training Records must be provided to the candidate for their personal file. The FF1 Training Record shall be maintained in accordance with the SFT Procedures Manual.

- 9) The FF1 (2019) experience requirement has been adjusted to the FF2 (2019) certification. This adjustment allows for more employment opportunities and supports the firefighter as s/he completes the six months full-time or one year part-time/volunteer requirement for certification.
- 10) Instructor requirements for new FF1 and FF2 (2019) curriculum continue to be approved instructors as defined in the SFT Procedures Manual (January 2019) Section 6.6.
- 11) Fire agencies or educational delivery programs desiring to implement the FF1 (2019) and FF2 (2019) curriculum need to review the new FF1 (2019) and FF2 (2019) curriculum and certification requirements to be sure that all agency training needs are being met. After review, Fire Agencies and educational delivery programs should update their job specifications, recruitment documentation, and any associated course materials to reflect these new courses and certification requirements.
- 12) The proposed Transition Period, Timelines and Course Phase Out have been updated based on stakeholder feedback and will be further detailed in the Implementation Plan.

Fire Fighter 1 and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) Course Curriculum

Testing hours are not reflected in this table.

Fire Fighter 1A	Structure	312	Hours
Fire Fighter 1B	Hazardous Materials/WMD	24	Hours
Fire Fighter 1C	Wildland	56	Hours
CSRA	Confined-Space Rescue Awareness	8	Hours
Fire Fighter 2A	Structure	48	Hours

Note: Time is crucial for the success of candidates and can only be estimated for the application phase that is associated with sets and reps to adult learners. AHJs can exceed the minimum standards identified in the SFT curriculum.