

The following revised language for OAR 259-009-0062 contains recommended additions (**bold and underlined**) and deletions (strikethrough text).

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Fire Service Personnel Certification

(1) A fire service professional affiliated with an Oregon fire service agency may be certified by satisfactorily completing the requirements specified in section (2) of this rule: through participation in a fire service agency training program accredited by the Department; or through a course certified by the Department; or by evaluation of experience as specified in OAR 259-009-0063. The Department may certify a fire service professional who has satisfactorily completed the requirements for certification as prescribed in section (2) of this rule, including the Task Performance ~~e~~Evaluations (**TPE**) if applicable.

(2) The following standards for fire service personnel are hereby adopted by reference:

(a) The provisions of the NFPA Standard 1001, 2002 Edition, entitled "Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications";

(A) "Authority having jurisdiction" shall mean the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

(B) Delete section 1.3.1 (Note: this references NFPA 1500).

(C) Delete section 2.2 (Note: this references NFPA 1500 and 1582).

(D) Entry Level Fire Fighter means an individual trained to the requirements of Section 2-1 Student Prerequisites, NFPA Standard 1403, 1997 Edition, entitled "Live Fire Training Evolutions" and the applicable safety requirements adopted by OR-OSHA. An individual trained to this level and verified so by the agency head is qualified to perform live-fire training exercises and to perform on the emergency scene under constant supervision. An Entry Level Fire Fighter should be encouraged to complete Fire Fighter I training within one year.

(E) All applicants for certification must complete either a Task Performance Evaluation or a Department approved Task Book for Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II, signed off by the Agency Head or Training Officer, before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(b) The provisions of the NFPA Standard 1002, 2003 Edition, entitled "Fire Department Vehicle Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications," are adopted subject to the following definitions and modifications hereinafter stated:

(A) 5.1 General. The requirements of NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter I, as specified by the Department and the job performance requirements defined in Sections 5.1 and 5.2, must be met prior to certification as a Fire Service Agency Driver/Operator-Pumper.

(B) 6.1 General. The requirements of NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter I and NFPA 1002 Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator, as specified by the Department and the job performance requirements defined in Sections 6.1 and 6.2, must be met prior to certification as a Fire Service Agency Driver/Operator-Aerial.

(C) 7.1 General. The requirements of NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter I and NFPA 1002 Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator, as specified by the Department and the job performance requirements defined in Sections 7.1 and 7.2 must be met prior to certification as a Fire Service Agency Driver/Operator-Tiller.

(D) 8.1 General. The requirements of NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter I and NFPA 1002 Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator, as specified by the Department and the job performance requirements defined in Sections 8.1 and 8.2, must be met prior to certification as a Fire Service Agency Driver/Operator-Wildland Fire Apparatus.

(E) 9.1 General. The requirements of NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter I and NFPA 1002 Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator, as specified by the Department and the job performance requirements defined in Sections 9.1 and 9.2, must be met prior to certification as a Fire Service Agency Driver/Operator-Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Apparatus (ARFF).

(F) 10.1 General. The requirements of NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter I and NFPA 1002 Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator, as specified by the Department and the job performance requirements defined in Sections 10.1 and 10.2, must be met prior to certification as a Fire Service Agency Driver/Operator-Mobile Water Supply Apparatus.

(G) Delete "the requirements of NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program".

(H) All applicants for certification must complete either a Task Performance Evaluation or a Department approved Task Book for: Driver, Pumper Operator, Aerial Operator, Tiller Operator, Wildland Fire Apparatus Operator, Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Apparatus Operator or Mobile Water Supply Apparatus Operator and signed off by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(I) An individual who completes the requirements of Chapter 4 and meets the requirements of Entry Level Fire Fighter (NFPA 1403) may be certified as a Driver.

(c) The provisions of the NFPA Standards 1003, 2005 Edition, entitled "Standard for Airport Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications,"

(A) 6.1 General. Prior to certification as a Fire Service Agency NFPA 1003 Airport Fire Fighter, the requirements of NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter II and NFPA 1002 Aircraft Rescue and Fire

Fighting Apparatus Operator (ARFF), as specified by the Department, and the job performance requirements defined in sections 6.1 through 6.4 must be met.

(B) All applicants for certification must complete either a Task Performance Evaluation or a Department-approved Task Book for: Airport Fire Fighter and signed off by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(d) The provisions of NFPA Standard 1005, 2007 Edition, entitled "Marine Fire Fighting for Land Based Fire Fighters Professional Qualifications," are adopted subject to the following definitions and modifications:

(A) "Authority having jurisdiction" means the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

(B) Delete section 2.2 (Note: This references NFPA 1500);

(C) Delete sections of 2.4 (Note: This references NFPA 1000, NFPA 1081, NFPA 1405, NFPA 1670 and NFPA 1710.)

(D) 5.1 General. Prior to certification as a Fire Service Agency NFPA 1005 Marine Land-Based Fire Fighter, the requirements of NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter II, as specified by the Department.

(E) All applicants for certification must complete a Department approved Task Book for: Marine Fire Fighting for Land Based Fire Fighters and signed off by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(F) Transition Phase:

(i) An application for certification in Marine Fire Fighting for Land Based Fire Fighters must be submitted to the Department no later than June 30, 2009 to receive consideration for certification without having to complete a task book.

(ii) All applications received on or after July 1, 2009, will need to show completion of the approved task book.

(e) The provisions of the NFPA Standard No. 1031, Edition of 1998, entitled "Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner" are adopted subject to the following definitions and modifications:

(A) Transition Phase:

(i) November 1, 2000, all new certifications will be based on NFPA 1031.

(ii) November 1, 2000, through January 1, 2005, any certified Fire Prevention/Investigation Officer I may become certified at NFPA Fire Inspector I.

(iii) November 1, 2000, anyone certified as an Oregon Fire Prevention Officer II will be certified as an NFPA Fire Inspector II.

(iv) November 1, 2000, anyone certified as an Oregon Fire Prevention Officer III will be certified as an NFPA Fire Inspector III.

(v) An individual who has been working toward certification using Fire Prevention/Investigation Officer (SFM-P-7 10/88) may complete certification based on that standard until January 1, 2005.

(B) All applicants for certification as an NFPA Fire Inspector I shall:

(i) Successfully complete a Department approved Task Book; and

(ii) Furnish proof that they have passed an exam demonstrating proficiency in the model fire code adopted by the State of Oregon or an equivalent.

(C) All applicants for certification as an NFPA Fire Inspector II shall:

(i) Hold a certification as a Fire Inspector I; and

(ii) Successfully complete a Department approved Task Book.

(D) All applicants for certification as an NFPA Fire Inspector III shall:

(i) Hold a certification as a Fire Inspector II; and

(ii) Successfully complete a Department approved Task Book.

(E) Task books shall be monitored by a Field Training Officer approved by the Department. The Field Training Officer shall be certified at or above the level being monitored and have at least 5 years inspection experience. The Department may approve other Field Training Officers with equivalent training, education and experience as determined by designated Department Staff.

(f) The provisions of the NFPA Standard No. 1033, Edition of 1998, entitled "Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator" are adopted subject to the following definitions and modifications:

(A) Transition Phase:

(i) Beginning November 1, 2000, all new certifications will be based on NFPA 1033.

(ii) November 1, 2000, anyone certified as an Oregon Fire Investigator II will be certified as an NFPA Fire Investigator and will continue to be recognized as an Oregon Fire Investigator II. No new Oregon Fire Investigator II certificates will be issued after January 1, 2005.

(iii) November 1, 2000, anyone certified as an Oregon Fire Investigator III will be certified as an NFPA Fire Investigator and will continue to be recognized as an Oregon Fire Investigator III. No new Oregon Fire Investigator III certificates will be issued after January 1, 2005.

(iv) An individual who has been working toward certification using Fire Prevention/Investigation Officer (SFM-P-7 10/88) may complete certification based on that standard until January 1, 2005.

(B) All applicants for certification as a Fire Investigator shall successfully complete a Department approved Task Book prior to passing a written certification exam administered by the Department. Exception: Anyone holding a valid IAAI Fire Investigator Certification is exempt from taking the Department's Fire Investigator written exam.

(C) Task books shall be monitored by a Field Training Officer approved by the Department. The Field Training Officer shall be certified at or above the level being monitored and have at least 5 years fire investigation experience. The Department may approve other Field Training Officers with equivalent training, education and experience as determined by designated Department Staff.

(g) The provisions of the NFPA Standard No. 1035, Edition of 2000, entitled "Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator" are adopted subject to the following definitions and modifications:

(A) Chapter 6 (Six) "Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I" and Chapter 7 (Seven) "Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist II," Oregon-amended, shall be adopted with the following changes:

(i) Change the following definitions:

(I) 1-4.4 Change the definition of "Assessment" to read: "A structured process by which relevant information is gathered for the purpose of determining specific child or family intervention needs conducted by a mental health professional."

(II) 1-4.11 Change the title of "Fire Screener" to "Fire Screening" and the definition to read "The process by which we conduct an interview with a firesetter and his or her family using state approved forms and guidelines. Based on recommended practice, the process may determine the need for referral for counseling and/or implementation of educational intervention strategies to mitigate effects of firesetting behavior."

(III) 1-4.14 Include "insurance" in list of agencies.

(IV) 1-4.15 Change the definition to read: "...that may include screening, education and referral for assessment for counseling, medical services."

(V) 1-4.16 Change "person" to "youth" and change age from 21 to 18.

(VI) 1-4.17 Add "using state-approved prepared forms and guidelines."

(VII) 1-4.22 Add "...or by authority having jurisdiction."

(VIII) 1-4.24 Add "...or as defined by the authority having jurisdiction."

(ii) Under 6-1 General Requirements, delete the statement, "In addition, the person shall meet the requirements for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I prior to being certified as a Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I."

(B) A task book shall be completed prior to certification as a Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I, II or III.

(C) A task book shall be completed prior to certification as a Public Information Officer.

(D) A task book shall be completed prior to certification as a Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I and II.

(h) The provisions of the NFPA Standard No. 1041, Edition of 1996, entitled "Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications," are adopted subject to the following definitions and modifications:

(A) "Fundamentals of Instruction" shall mean a 16-hour instructor training course for those instructors used for in-house training. This course includes a task book. This course does not lead to certification.

(B) Successfully complete an approved task book for Fire Service Instructor I and II.

(i) This requirement is effective for any application for certification after January 4, 2002.

(i) The provisions of the NFPA Standard 1021, 2003 Edition, entitled "Standards for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications," are adopted subject to the following definitions and modifications:

(A) 4.1 General. For certification as Fire Officer I, the candidate must be certified at NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter II, and NFPA 1041 Fire Instructor I, as defined by the Department, and meet the job performance requirements defined in Sections 4.2 through 4.7 of this Standard.

(i) Amend section 4.1.2 General Prerequisite Skills to include college courses or Department approved equivalent courses in the following areas of study: Written Communication, Advanced Speech, Technical Writing/Business Writing, Math, and Physics or Chemistry.

(ii) All applicants for certification must complete either a Task Performance Evaluation or a Department approved Task Book for; NFPA Fire Officer I and signed off by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification..

(B) 5.1 General. For certification as NFPA Fire Officer II, the candidate must be certified as NFPA Fire Officer I, as defined by the Department, and meet the job performance requirements defined in Section 5.2 through 5.7 of the Standard.

(i) Amend section 5.1.2 General Prerequisite Skills to include college courses or Department approved equivalent courses in the following areas of study: Psychology or Sociology.

(ii) Amend section 5.3 Community and Government Relations to include State and Local Government or Department approved equivalent courses.

(iii) All applicants for certification must complete either a Task Performance Evaluation or a Department approved Task Book for NFPA Fire Officer II, and signed off by the Agency Head or Training Officer, before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(C) 6.1 General. For certification as NFPA Fire Officer III, the candidate must be certified as a NFPA Fire Officer II, NFPA, NFPA 1041 Fire Instructor II, as defined by the Department, and meet the job performance requirements defined in Sections 6.2 through 6.7 of the Standard.

(i) Amend section 6.1 to allow individuals certified as NFPA 1033 Fire Investigator, NFPA 1035 Public Fire and Life Safety Educator, or NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector III to apply for certification without attaining NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter II.

(D) 7.1 General. For certification as NFPA Fire Officer IV the candidate must be certified as NFPA Fire Officer III, as defined by the Department, and meet the job performance requirements in Sections 7.2 through 7.7 of the Standard.

(i) 5-1.2 General Requisite Skill: the ability to effectively apply prerequisite knowledge.

(ii) 5-1.3 Existing Curricula -- Advanced Institute Classes which would meet Fire Protection Executive Course Requirements: Master Planning; Advanced Legal Aspects; Advanced Fiscal Management; Local Government and Community Politics; Organizational Psychology; Management Information Systems; Labor Management Relations.

(j) Hazardous Materials Responder (DPSST-P-12 1/96).

(k) Fire Ground Leader.

(A) This is a standard that is Oregon-specific.

(B) An applicant applying for Fire Ground Leader shall first be certified as an NFPA Fire Fighter II.

(C) An applicant would need to document training in seven areas:

(i) Building Construction: Non-Combustible;

- (ii) Building Construction: Combustible;
- (iii) Incident Safety Officer or Fire Fighter Safety;
- (iv) Managing Water Supplies Operations;
- (v) MCTO -- Preparation or PICO;
- (vi) MCTO -- Decision Making;
- (vii) MCTO -- Tactics or STICO;
- (viii) Incident Command System;
- (vix) Fire Investigation.

(D) A task book shall be completed before certification is awarded.

(l) Wildland Interface Fire Fighter, Wildland Interface Engine Boss/Officer, Wildland Strike Team leader, Wildland Division/Group Supervisor (DPSST Wildland Interface Certification Guide, Revised September, 2003).

(m) Maritime Fire Service Operator Standards Professional Qualifications (October, 1999) and completion of an approved task book.

(A) Historical Recognition:

(i) The application shall be submitted with the Fire Chief or designee's signature attesting to the skill level and training of the applicant.

(ii) The application must be submitted to the Department no later than October 1, 2004, to receive certification for Maritime Fire Service Operator without having to complete the task book.

(iii) All applications received after October 1, 2004, will need to show completion of the approved task book.

(n) Certification guide for Wildland Fire Investigator (August, 2005).

(o) The provisions of the NFPA Standard No. 1006, Edition of 2000, entitled, "Professional Qualifications for Rescue Technician" are adopted subject to the following modifications:

(A) The Authority Having Jurisdiction shall mean the local or regional fire service agency.

(B) Historical Recognition:

(i) Application shall be submitted with the Fire Chief or designee's signature attesting to the skill level and training of the applicant.

(ii) The application to use historical recognition shall be submitted to DPSST on or before March 31, 2003.

(C) Instructors:

(i) Curriculum must be certified by DPSST to meet NFPA 1006.

(ii) An instructor delivering training under a fire service agency's accreditation agreement must be a certified technician in that specialty rescue area.

(D) Task Books:

(i) A task book must be completed for each of the six specialty rescue areas applied for.

(ii) Only a certified technician in that specialty rescue area can sign off the task book.

(iii) The requirements in Chapters 2 and 3 need to be met only one time for all six specialty rescue areas.

(p) Urban Search and Rescue.

(A) This is a standard that is Oregon-specific.

(B) The following eleven (11) specialty Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) certifications are adopted:

(i) Task Force Leader;

(ii) Safety Officer;

(iii) Logistics Manager;

(iv) Rescue Team Manager;

(v) Rescue Squad Officer;

(vi) Rescue Technician;

(vii) Medical Technician;

(viii) Rigging Technician;

(ix) Search Team Manager;

(x) Search Squad Officer;

(xi) Search Technician.

(C) An applicant applying for any USAR certification(s) must complete the appropriate application(s) attesting to completion of the required training.

(q) The provisions of the NFPA Standard 472, 2008 Edition, entitled “Standard for Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction” are adopted subject to the following definitions and modifications hereinafter stated:

(A) Hazardous Materials Technician: All applicants for certification must first certify as an Operations Level Responder and complete a Department approved Task Book, signed off by the Agency Head or Training Officer, before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(B) Hazardous Materials Safety Officer: All applicants for certification must first certify as a Hazardous Materials Technician and complete a Department approved Task Book, signed off by the Agency Head or Training Officer, before an applicant can qualify for certification. This certification level includes, but is not limited to, the following course work:

(i) Analyzing the Incident;

(ii) Planning the Response;

(iii) Implementing the Planned Response;

(iv) Evaluating the Progress.

(C) Incident Commander: The level of certification formerly known as “On-Scene Incident Commander” is now known as “Incident Commander.” The Incident Commander correlates directly with NFPA 472. All applicants for certification must first certify as an Operations Level Responder.

(D) Operations Level Responder: The level of certification formerly known as “First Responder” is now known as “Operations Level Responder.” The Operations Level Responder correlates directly with NFPA 472. Successful completion of skills sheets or task performance evaluations (TPE) must be met prior to certification as an Operations Level Responder.

(r) Specialty Levels of Certification. All applicants for specialty levels of certification must first certify as a Hazardous Materials Technician.

(A) The following four (4) specialty certifications are adopted:

(i) Cargo Tank Specialty;

(ii) Intermodal Tank Specialty;

(iii) Marine Tank Vessel Specialty;

(iv) Tank Car Specialty;

(B) Successful completion of task performance evaluations (TPE) must be met prior to obtaining a specialty level of certification.

(3) Task performance evaluations, where prescribed, shall be required prior to certification. Such examinations shall be conducted in the following manner:

(a) Task performance competency shall be evaluated by three people nominated by the employing fire service agency's Chief Officer for approval by the Department or its designated representative.

(b) The employing fire service agency's equipment and operational procedures shall be used in accomplishing the task performance to be tested.

(c) Specific minimum testing procedures, as provided by the Department, shall be used for administration of the evaluation.

(d) The training officer for an accredited fire service agency training program must notify the Department or its designated representative prior to performing a Task Performance Evaluation.

(e) At the request of the fire chief, a representative of the Department will be designated to monitor the task performance evaluation for personnel from a fire service agency whose training program is not accredited.

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

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