



Florida State Fire College News
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Changes in Testing

We are rapidly moving to electronic applications. Those wishing to submit paper applications or support materials requiring hard copy transaction will be accepted but will take longer to process and will soon cost more in fees. Our testing partner, Promissor, has taken the name of its parent company PearsonVue. Once approved to test you will now be directed to PearsonVue.com instead of Promissor.com to arrange for your test location, date and time. Test banks will be updated this year to reflect new curriculum, questions based upon course objectives and more contextual questions that require the application of acquired knowledge rather than recall. Later this year practical testing for Firefighter II will be expanded, and started for Firefighter 1. These changes are being instituted on a training center by training center basis during the next several months. To date, 16 of our 33 certified training centers have received training and orientation on the new practical exam.



Received Davis Productivity Award for Reduced Application to Certification Time up to 80%



Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial ENGRAVED BRICK PAVERS

The Joint Council of Fire and Emergency Services along with the Division of State Fire Marshal are proud to announce the addition of engraved pavers to the Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial courtyard in Ocala. All funds will be used to enhance and maintain the perpetuity of the Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial honoring the firefighters that made the ultimate sacrifice. Order forms with samples and prices are available from the Fire College.



**UPCOMING EVENTS **



National Fire Academy
 Florida State Weekend
September 27 – 28, 2008
 at the
 National Fire Academy,
 Emmitsburg, MD



Great Florida Fire School,
 Avon Park, FL
November 5 – 9, 2008

For information visit
<http://greatfloridafireschool.org/>

Northwest Volunteer Firefighter Weekend,
 Niceville, FL *September 17 – 21, 2008*

Visit www.nwflvolunteerffweekend.com for information



Look for information on...

Firefighter Health & Safety Conference, September 8 – 10, 2008 in Orlando, FL (co-sponsored by the FPF, FFCA, State Fire Marshal and the Florida Fire & Emergency Services Foundation)

REVISIONS TO FAC 69A-37 (Firefighter 1 and 2, Training Centers)

Changes to Florida Administrative Code 69A-37 have been *proposed*, rule workshops continue throughout Florida

These changes reflect changes to the NFPA 1001 standard. Florida's last major revision was in 1997 and this allows us to bring our curriculum up to date and compliant to our accreditation through the ProBoard. An additional hearing is planned in the Panhandle in March. The entire document can be downloaded at <http://www.fldfs.com/sfm/sfmnotice.htm> at the hyperlink "[Rule Development Workshop Rule 69A-37](#)".

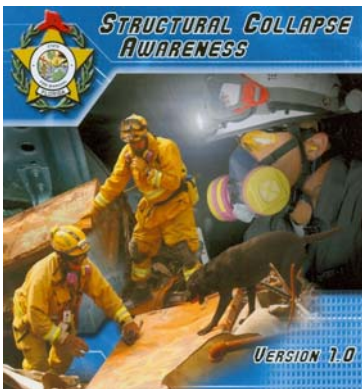
- *Temporarily* changes the name of Firefighter 1 to "Part 1" and Firefighter 2 to "Part 2". This will be changed back to Firefighter 1 and 2 by statute during the upcoming Legislative session.
- Adds two wildland firefighting courses to Firefighter 1, S-130, 190 at the request of the Florida Fire Chief's Association and the Division of Forestry (31 hours) and the new federal requirements for Traffic Safety, and Hazardous Materials Operations (Operations used to be in Firefighter II).
- Firefighter I (or Part 1) goes to 235 hours, with 123 hours being "practical" however some classroom components can be taken on computer and much of the practical components can be done 1on1.
- Firefighter I still at local VFDs or training centers (live fire components of class may have to be at a certified fire training center if VFD doesn't have Live Fire Instructors or props)
- Firefighter II (or Part 2) goes to 241 hours, for a total of 476 + 24 hours of course review for 500 hours. The Dept of Education now has Firefighter 1 and 2 at 450 reimbursable hours.
- Firefighter II includes 40 hours of Firefighter Safety & Survival
- Updates training center requirements to reflect current training objectives.

Look for upcoming revisions to FAC 69A-62 (Uniform Minimum Firefighter Employment Standards)

Online Registration Information for FCDICE www.floridastatefirecollege.org

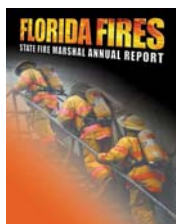
First time users: If you have never signed into the system, your initial sign-on will be: ff***** (with the asterisk representing your social security number) and the word "password" as your initial password. If you do not remember your sign-on information, on the login page, select "Update your existing profile"

FREE ONLINE CEUs for Fire Inspector, Instructor, EMT and Paramedic



Online Structural Collapse Awareness/ State Emergency Response Plan / Field Operations course is now available. 4 CEU's approved for Fire Inspectors – 6 CEU's approved for EMT.
Go to www.florida-elearning.com.

This course meets NFPA Standards 1670, "Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Rescue Incidents" and is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to respond safely to incidents involving structural collapse. This CD includes both multimedia and instructor-lead formats. It is fully interactive and provides students access to the Florida State Emergency Response Plan (SERP), Field Operations Guide (FOG), and other key resources. **Watch for more online opportunities via the A-list or at www.florida-elearning.com**



Florida Fires

The 2006 State Fire Marshal Annual Report is available online at

<http://www.fldfs.com/sfm/pdf/sfm2006ar.pdf>



Access to all four Bureaus of the Division of State Fire Marshal, Florida Statutes and Rules (Administrative Code) for the State Fire Marshal, Fire Service News Clips, Declaratory Statements, Notices, meetings and Events at <http://www.fldfs.com/sfm>

A LIST: Get class announcements, notices of meetings and hearings, special notices, and other important information sent directly to your e-mail. Send an e-mail to fsfc-alist@fldfs.com to be added to the list.