FIRE OFFICER PROGRAM

Date: November 25, 2015

Division of the State Fire Marshal (Division) has updated the Fire Officer program. This is an advanced training and certification program designed for firefighters having supervisory and management responsibilities. The foundation of this program is based on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications (2009). The Division now recognizes four levels of Fire Officer; Fire Officer I, II, III, and IV. This is a voluntary program.

Applicants who meet the job performance requirements, demonstrate requisite skills, and possess the requisite knowledge set forth in subsection 69A-37.065 F.A.C., are qualified to receive the respective Fire Officer Certificate of Competency from the Division. Additionally, recipients of a Florida Fire Officer certification may qualify for National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualification (Pro Board) certification.

This Fire Officer Program recognizes key consensus standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications; the National Fire Academy Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) initiative; the International Association of Fire Chief’s Officer Development initiative; and the accreditation standards of the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board).
Fire Officer I

I. Program Overview
The Division defines a Fire Officer I as a person having the responsibilities of a Company Officer who supervises a single fire suppression unit or small administrative group within a fire department. The Fire Officer I may also be referred to as a Supervising Fire Officer.

II. Certification Requirements
Applicants for certification as a Fire Officer I shall submit Form DFS-K4-1447 “Application for Fire Officer I Certification”, and Form DFS-K4-2106, “Fire Officer I Task Book”, to the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training (Bureau) within the Division. Application can also be completed online at FloridaStateFireCollege.org. If the applicant documents compliance, the Division shall issue the certificate.

To qualify for certification as a Fire Officer I, the applicant shall:
- Possess an active Firefighter Certificate of Compliance issued by the Division or have met the curriculum requirements for Firefighter Part I as defined in 69A-37.055(1) F.A.C.
- Meet the job performance requirements of NFPA 1021 - Fire Officer I (2009).
- Complete the Fire Officer I Curriculum.
- Complete the “Fire Officer I Task Book” with required signatures.
- Pass the Fire Officer I Exam with a score of 70% or higher.
- Complete the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation course titled “Courage to Be Safe” or a course determined by the Division to be equivalent.

III. Curriculum
The Fire Officer I curriculum includes coursework determined by the Division to support the professional development of a Supervising Fire Officer.

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IV. Completing the Application
Applicants should evaluate their eligibility as set forth in paragraph 69A-37.065(2) (a) F.A.C. and submit Form DFS-K4-1447 “Application for Fire Officer I Certification” to the Bureau. Complete all sections of the application. Attach the completed DFS-K4-2106 “Fire Officer I Task Book” and a copy of course completion certificates or official academic transcript that lists requisite courses. Application can also be completed online at FloridaStateFireCollege.org.
**Note:** Effective July 1, 2013, certification courses must appear on student’s Course History at FloridaStateFireCollege.org.

V. **Task Book**
The Fire Officer I Task Book provides the applicant an opportunity to demonstrate key job performance requirements while working in their respective organization. This task book is an evaluative tool designed to document that a candidate has demonstrated certain requisite skills required to meet a specific NFPA 1021 job performance requirement. Selected skill objectives in the task book are a supplement to the student learning outcomes and objectives met by successfully completing the Fire Officer I program curriculum. The applicant is responsible for the maintenance, completion, and submission of this document, including obtaining the required signatures.

The evaluator is a direct supervisor, training officer or person designated by Fire Chief or Agency Head who is responsible for overseeing the performance or activity of the candidate. The evaluator documents first hand observation of the requisite skills of candidate, and attests by signature when task(s) has been demonstrated. Evaluator must sign and enter their Florida Instructor ID Number (or Florida Fire Officer Certification Number if evaluator does not have Instructor ID) on this form.

The Division shall designate an alternate evaluator independent of the candidate’s employing Fire Service Provider at the request of the candidate. This alternate evaluator shall be a Florida Certified Fire Officer and Florida Certified Instructor.

VI. **Exam**
The Fire Officer I Exam is a randomly generated 100 question test. Exam questions are developed and referenced to the subject, content, and learning objectives in the Company Officer course and are matched to the NFPA 1021 Fire Officer I job performance requirements.

A person is eligible to take the Fire Officer I Exam upon successful completion of the required coursework, application, and task book.

VII. **Transition to Fire Officer I (2013)**
The Division last updated the Fire Officer I and Fire Officer II programs in 2000. If you currently hold a Fire Officer I Certificate of Competency issued by the Division, you are not required to take any action. Your Fire Officer I certificate does not expire.

Individuals may elect to update their Fire Officer I certificate to the 2013 edition. The new edition will begin to be issued upon the effective date of the rule. If you desire to transition to this new edition, you should follow the same application process as noted above.
VIII. Course Equivalency

The Bureau will approve any course which meets the job performance requirements, student learning outcomes, and student objectives of a course required in this program curriculum. Requests for course equivalency approval shall be submitted in writing to the Bureau, 11655 North West Gainesville Road, Ocala, Florida 34482-1486. The following factors will be used to determine course equivalency: course title, course grade or record of course completion, number of academic credits earned, course hours attended, course description, course syllabus, student learning outcomes, and course objectives. All requests for course equivalency shall include, at a minimum:

1. Name of course;
2. Passage scores and rates;
3. An educational agenda or syllabus;
4. Required number of classroom hours;
5. Description of the course objectives, student learning outcomes, or job performance requirements covered.
Fire Officer II

I. Program Overview
The Division defines a Fire Officer II as a person having the responsibilities of a Company Officer whose duties include supervising a multi-unit emergency incident. The Fire Officer II may also be referred to as a Managing Fire Officer.

II. Certification Requirements
Applicants for certification as a Fire Officer II shall submit Form DFS-K4-1448 “Application for Fire Officer II Certification”, and Form DFS-K4-2107, “Fire Officer II Task Book”, to the Bureau. Application can also be completed online at FloridaStateFireCollege.org. If the applicant documents compliance, the Division shall issue the certificate.

To qualify for certification as a Fire Officer II, the applicant must:
- Possess an active Firefighter Certificate of Compliance issued by the Division or have met the curriculum requirements for Firefighter Part I as defined in 69A-37.055(1) F.A.C.
- Possess an active Fire Officer I Certificate of Competency issued by the Division.
- Meet the job performance requirements of NFPA 1021 - Fire Officer II (2009).
- Complete the Fire Officer II Curriculum.
- Complete the “Fire Officer II Task Book” with required signatures.
- Pass the Fire Officer II Exam with a score of 70% or higher.
- Complete the prerequisite course titled “ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents” or a course determined by the Division to be equivalent.
- Complete the Florida State Fire College “Florida State-Wide Emergency Response Plan (SERP)” course.
- Complete the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation course titled “Courage to Be Safe” or a course determined by the Division to be equivalent.

III. Curriculum
The Fire Officer II curriculum includes coursework determined by the Division to support the professional development of a Managing Fire Officer.

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IV. Completing the Application
Applicants should evaluate their eligibility as set forth in paragraph 69A-37.065(2) (b) F.A.C. and submit Form DFS-K4-1448 “Application for Fire Officer II Certification” to the Bureau. Complete all sections of the application. Attach the completed Form DFS-K4-2107 “Fire Officer II Task Book” and a copy of course completion certificates or official academic transcript that lists requisite courses. Application can also be completed online at FloridaStateFireCollege.org.

Note: Effective July 1, 2013, certification courses must appear on student’s Course History at FloridaStateFireCollege.org.

V. Task Book
The Fire Officer II Task Book provides the applicant an opportunity to demonstrate key job performance requirements while working in their respective organization. This task book is an evaluative tool designed to document that a candidate has demonstrated certain requisite skills required to meet a specific NFPA 1021 job performance requirement. Selected skill objectives in the task book are a supplement to the student learning outcomes and objectives met by successfully completing the Fire Officer I program curriculum. The applicant is responsible for the maintenance, completion, and submission of this document, including obtaining the required signatures.

The evaluator is a direct supervisor, training officer or person designated by Fire Chief or Agency Head who is responsible for overseeing the performance or activity of the candidate. The evaluator documents first hand observation of the requisite skills of candidate, and attests by signature when task(s) has been demonstrated. Evaluator must sign and enter their Florida Instructor ID Number (or Florida Fire Officer Certification Number if evaluator does not have Instructor ID) on this form.

The Division shall designate an alternate evaluator independent of the candidate’s employing Fire Service Provider at the request of the candidate. This alternate evaluator shall be a Florida Certified Fire Officer and Florida Certified Instructor.

VI. Exam
The Fire Officer II Exam is a randomly generated 50 question test. Exam questions are developed and referenced to the subject, content, and learning objectives in the Company Officer course and are matched to the NFPA 1021 Fire Officer II job performance requirements.

A person is eligible to take the Fire Officer II Exam upon successful completion of the required coursework, application, and task book.

VII. Transition: Fire Officer II (2013)
The Division last updated the Fire Officer I and Fire Officer II programs in 2000. If you currently hold a Fire Officer II Certificate of Competency issued by the Division, you are not required to take any action. Your Fire Officer II certificate does not expire.
Individuals may elect to update their Fire Officer II certificate to the 2013 edition. The new edition will begin to be issued upon the effective date of the rule. If you desire to transition to this new edition, you should follow the same application process as noted above.

VIII. Course Equivalency

The Bureau will approve any course which meets the job performance requirements, student learning outcomes, and student objectives of a course required in this program curriculum. Requests for course equivalency approval shall be submitted in writing to the Bureau, 11655 North West Gainesville Road, Ocala, Florida 34482-1486. The following factors will be used to determine course equivalency: course title, course grade or record of course completion, number of academic credits earned, course hours attended, course description, course syllabus, student learning outcomes, and course objectives. All requests for course equivalency shall include, at a minimum:

1. Name of course;
2. Passage scores and rates;
3. An educational agenda or syllabus;
4. Required number of classroom hours;
5. Description of the course objectives, student learning outcomes, or job performance requirements covered.
Fire Officer III

I. Program Overview
The Division defines a Fire Officer III as a person having the responsibilities of a Chief Officer. The Fire Officer III may also be referred to as an Administrative Fire Officer.

II. Certification Requirements
Applicants for certification as a Fire Officer III shall submit Form DFS-K4-2104 “Application for Fire Officer III Certification” to the Bureau. Application can also be completed online at FloridaStateFireCollege.org. If the applicant documents compliance, the Division shall issue the certificate.

There are two methods available for a qualified applicant to obtain Fire Officer III certification. Individuals should evaluate their eligibility and utilize one of the following options as set forth in paragraph 69A-37.065(2) (c), F.A.C.:

Option A – Direct Program Delivery.
The first option is designed for persons who have at least five years of full-time equivalent experience as a Florida certified Fire Officer. This method is the traditional model to achieve Fire Officer III Certification. To qualify for certification as a Fire Officer III, using the Direct Program Delivery method, the applicant shall:

- Possess an active Firefighter Certificate of Compliance issued by the Division or have met the curriculum requirements for Firefighter Part I as defined in 69A-37.055(1) F.A.C.
- Possess an active Instructor I Certificate of Competency issued by the Division.
- Possess an active Fire Officer I or II Certificate of Competency issued by the Division prior to November 18, 2013; or,
- Possess an active Fire Officer II Certificate of Competency issued by the Division after November 18, 2013.
- Meet the job performance requirements of NFPA 1021 - Fire Officer III (2009).
- Complete the Fire Officer III Curriculum.
- Complete the prerequisite course titled “ICS-400: Advanced ICS Command and General Staff: Complex Incidents” or a course determined by the Division to be equivalent.
- Pass the Fire Officer III Exam with a score of 70% or higher.
- Complete the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation course titled “Courage to Be Safe” or a course determined by the Division to be equivalent.

Option B – Portfolio Program.
The second option is designed for persons who have at least five years of full-time equivalent experience as a Florida certified Fire Officer. This method is intended to reduce the redundancy in courses taken by crediting the applicant’s educational experience to the objectives required by the NFPA 1021 Fire Officer III standard and the Fire Officer III curriculum as evidenced by documentation in the Fire Officer III Portfolio. To qualify for certification using the Portfolio Program, the applicant shall:

- Hold an active Firefighter Certificate of Compliance issued by the Division or have met the curriculum requirements for Firefighter Part I as defined in 69A-37.055(1) F.A.C.
- Hold an active Instructor I Certificate of Competency issued by the Division.
• Hold an active Fire Officer I or II Certificate of Competency issued by the Division prior to November 18, 2013; or,
• Hold an active Fire Officer II Certificate of Competency issued by the Division after November 18, 2013.
• Meet the program prerequisites, the objectives required by the NFPA 1021 Fire Officer III standard and the Fire Officer III curriculum as evidenced in the Fire Officer III Portfolio.
• Pass the Fire Officer III Exam with a score of 70% or higher.

III. Curriculum
The Fire Officer III curriculum includes coursework determined by the Division to support the professional development of an Administrative Fire Officer.

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IV. Completing the Application
Applicants should evaluate their eligibility as set forth in paragraph 69A-37.065(2) (c) F.A.C. and submit Form DFS-K4-2104 “Application for Fire Officer III Certification” to the Bureau. Complete all sections of the application. Attach a copy of course completion certificates or official academic transcript that lists required courses. Application can also be completed online FloridaStateFireCollege.org.

Note: Effective July 1, 2013, certification courses must appear on student’s Course History at FloridaStateFireCollege.org.

• Applicants using Option A – Direct Program Delivery shall complete Section A and Section B of Form DFS-K4-2104 “Application for Fire Officer III Certification” along with a copy of course completion certificates or official academic transcript that lists required courses.

Note: Effective July 1, 2013, certification courses must appear on student’s Course History at FloridaStateFireCollege.org.

• Applicants using Option B – Portfolio Program, shall complete Section A and Section C of DFS-K4-2104 “Application for Fire Officer III Certification” and attach the completed Form DFS-K4-2108 “Fire Officer III Portfolio Workbook”.

Note: Effective July 1, 2013, certification courses must appear on student’s Course History at FloridaStateFireCollege.org.
V. Task Book
There is no Task Book requirement.

VI. Portfolio
The Fire Officer III Portfolio Workbook enables a candidate to document that their educational experiences meet the program prerequisites, the objectives required by the NFPA 1021 Fire Officer III standard and the Fire Officer III curriculum.

The Division recognizes that a Fire Officer III candidate may have already met requisite job performance requirements and student learning outcomes when achieving certain academic and professional development accomplishments. This method is intended to acknowledge these accomplishments, and reduce any professional development redundancy. Through a portfolio review process, the candidate can evaluate and document their accomplishments in any combination of three experiential areas; Academic Degree & Course Work, Executive Fire Officer Designation, and Chief Fire Officer Designation.

Academic Degree & Course Work. Fire Officer III candidates that have an academic degree or completed academic coursework are encouraged to assess the applicability of their course work and to correlate the respective course learning objectives and student learning outcomes to the respective Fire Officer III job performance requirements. Correlation can be demonstrated by submitting a copy of the academic institutions course description including the objectives and student learning outcomes and itemizing this information in the Fire Officer III Portfolio Workbook.

Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Designation. Fire Officer III candidates that have obtained the designation of EFO from the National Fire Academy (NFA) are encouraged to assess the applicability of their course work and independent research, and to correlate these to the respective Fire Officer III job performance requirements and student learning outcomes. Correlation can be demonstrated by submitting a copy of the Executive Fire Officer course descriptions including the objectives and student learning outcomes and itemizing this information in the Fire Officer III Portfolio Workbook.

Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Designation. Fire Officer III candidates that have obtained the designation of CFO from the Center for Public Safety Excellence are encouraged to assess the applicability of their CFO portfolio elements and correlate these to the respective job performance requirements and student learning outcomes. Correlation can be demonstrated by submitting a copy of the CFO designation and itemizing the elements of the applicant’s CFO portfolio in the Fire Officer III Portfolio Workbook.

VII. Exam
The Fire Officer III Exam is a randomly generated 100 question test. Exam questions are developed and referenced to the subject, content, and learning objectives in the Chief Officer course and are matched to the NFPA 1021 Fire Officer III job performance requirements.

A person is eligible to take the Fire Officer III Exam upon successful completion of the required coursework, application, and portfolio workbook if applicable.
VIII. Course Equivalency

The Bureau will approve any course which meets the job performance requirements, student learning outcomes, and student objectives of a course required in this program curriculum. Requests for course equivalency approval shall be submitted in writing to the Bureau, 11655 North West Gainesville Road, Ocala, Florida 34482-1486. The following factors will be used to determine course equivalency: course title, course grade or record of course completion, number of academic credits earned, course hours attended, course description, course syllabus, student learning outcomes, and course objectives. All requests for course equivalency shall include, at a minimum:

1. Name of course;
2. Passage scores and rates;
3. An educational agenda or syllabus;
4. Required number of classroom hours;
5. Description of the course objectives, student learning outcomes, or job performance requirements covered.
Fire Officer IV

I. Program Overview
The Division defines a Fire Officer IV as a person having the responsibilities of a Department Head or Chief Officer with significant leadership responsibilities for an organization. The Fire Officer IV may also be referred to as an Executive Fire Officer.

II. Certification Requirements
Applicants for certification as a Fire Officer IV shall submit Form DFS-K4-2105 “Application for Fire Officer IV Certification” to the Bureau. Application can also be completed online at FloridaStateFireCollege.org. If the applicant documents compliance, the Division shall issue the certificate.

There are two methods available for a qualified applicant to obtain Fire Officer IV Certification. Individuals should evaluate their eligibility and utilize one of the following options as set forth in paragraph 69A-37.065(2) (d), F.A.C.:

Option A – Direct Program Delivery.
The first option is designed for persons who have at least five years of full-time equivalent experience as a Florida certified Fire Officer. This method is the traditional model to achieve Fire Officer IV Certification. To qualify for certification as a Fire Officer IV, using the Direct Program Delivery, the applicant shall:
- Possess an active Firefighter Certificate of Compliance issued by the Division or have met the curriculum requirements for Firefighter Part I as defined in 69A-37.055(1) F.A.C.
- Possess an active Instructor I Certificate of Competency issued by the Division.
- Possess an active Fire Officer III Certificate of Competency issued by the Division.
- Meet the job performance requirements of NFPA 1021 - Fire Officer IV (2009).
- Complete the Fire Officer IV Curriculum.
- Complete the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation course titled “Courage to Be Safe” or a course determined by the Division to be equivalent.

Option B – Portfolio Program.
The second option is designed for persons who have at least five years of full-time equivalent experience as a Florida certified Fire Officer. This method is intended to reduce the redundancy in courses taken by crediting the applicant’s educational experience to the objectives required by the NFPA 1021 Fire Officer IV standard and the Fire Officer IV curriculum as evidenced by documentation in the Fire Officer IV Portfolio. To qualify for certification using the Portfolio Program, the applicant shall:
- Possess an active Firefighter Certificate of Compliance issued by the Division or have met the curriculum requirements for Firefighter Part I as defined in 69A-37.055(1) F.A.C.
- Possess an active Instructor I Certificate of Competency issued by the Division.
- Possess an active Fire Officer III Certificate of Competency issued by the Division.
- Meet the program prerequisites, the objectives required by the NFPA 1021 Fire Officer IV standard and the Fire Officer IV curriculum as evidenced in the Fire Officer IV Portfolio.
III. Curriculum
The Fire Officer IV curriculum exceeds the NFPA 1021 Fire Officer IV Standard. The curriculum includes coursework determined by the Division to support the professional development of an Executive Fire Officer.

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Choose one of the following electives:
- Quantitative Analysis   45
- Capstone Project        45

IV. Completing the Application
Applicants should evaluate their eligibility as set forth in paragraph 69A-37.065(2) (d) F.A.C. and submit Form DFS-K4-2105 “Application for Fire Officer IV Certification” to the Bureau. Complete all sections of the application. Attach a copy of course completion certificates or official academic transcript that lists required courses. Application can also be completed online at FloridaStateFireCollege.org.

Note: Effective July 1, 2013, certification courses must appear on student’s Course History at FloridaStateFireCollege.org.

- Applicants using Option A – Direct Program Delivery shall complete Section A and Section B of Form DFS-K4-2105 “Application for Fire Officer IV Certification” along with a copy of course completion certificates or official academic transcript that lists required courses.

Note: Effective July 1, 2013, certification courses must appear on student’s Course History at FloridaStateFireCollege.org.

- Applicants using Option B – Portfolio Program, shall complete Section A and Section C of DFS-K4-2105 “Application for Fire Officer III Certification” and attach the completed Form DFS-K4-2109 “Fire Officer IV Portfolio Workbook”.

V. Task Book
There is no Task Book requirement.
VI. Portfolio
The Fire Officer IV Portfolio Workbook enables a candidate to document that their educational experiences meet the program prerequisites, the objectives required by the NFPA 1021 Fire Officer IV standard and the Fire Officer IV curriculum.

The Division recognizes that a Fire Officer IV candidate may have already met requisite job performance requirements and student learning outcomes when achieving certain academic and professional development accomplishments. This method is intended to acknowledge these accomplishments, and reduce any professional development redundancy. Through a portfolio review process, the candidate can evaluate and document their accomplishments in any combination of three experiential areas; Academic Degree & Course Work, Executive Fire Officer Designation, and Chief Fire Officer Designation.

**Academic Degree & Course Work.** Fire Officer IV candidates that have an academic degree or completed academic coursework are encouraged to assess the applicability of their course work and to correlate the respective course learning objectives and student learning outcomes to the respective Fire Officer IV job performance requirements. Correlation can be demonstrated by submitting a copy of the academic institutions course description including the objectives and student learning outcomes and itemizing this information in the Fire Officer IV Portfolio Workbook.

**Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Designation.** Fire Officer IV candidates that have obtained the designation of EFO from the National Fire Academy (NFA) are encouraged to assess the applicability of their course work and independent research, and to correlate these to the respective job performance requirements and student learning outcomes. Correlation can be demonstrated by submitting a copy of the Executive Fire Officer course descriptions including the objectives and student learning outcomes and itemizing this information in the Fire Officer IV Portfolio Workbook.

**Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Designation.** Fire Officer IV candidates that have obtained the designation of CFO from the Center for Public Safety Excellence are encouraged to assess the applicability of their CFO portfolio elements and correlate these to the respective job performance requirements and student learning outcomes. Correlation can be demonstrated by submitting a copy of the CFO designation and itemizing the elements of the applicant’s CFO portfolio in the Fire Officer IV Portfolio Workbook.

VII. Fire Officer IV Exam
There is no exam requirement.

VIII. Course Equivalency
The Bureau will approve any course which meets the job performance requirements, student learning outcomes, and student objectives of a course required in this program curriculum. Requests for course equivalency approval shall be submitted in writing to the Bureau, 11655 North West Gainesville Road, Ocala, Florida 34482-1486. The following factors will be used to determine course equivalency: course title, course grade or record of course completion, number
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1. Name of course;
2. Passage scores and rates;
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## Appendix A
### Fire Officer Program Structure

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² “Quantitative Analysis” is an elective course requirement.
Appendix B
Transition Options
Fire Officer I and Fire Officer II

CURRENT CERTIFICATION HELD

**Fire Officer I Certification**
(Issued Prior to Effective Date of Rule)
- Complete “Fire Officer I Task Book”
- Complete Pre-Requisite Courses
- Submit “Fire Officer I Application”
  Check box: “Request for Upgrade”
- Pass FO I Exam

**Receive**
Fire Officer I Certification
(2013 Version)

**Fire Officer II Certification**
(Issued Prior to Effective Date of Rule)
- Complete “Fire Officer II Task Book”
- Complete “Fire Officer II Task Book”
- Complete Pre-Requisite Courses
- Submit “Fire Officer II Application”
  Check box: “Request for Upgrade”
- Pass FO II Exam

**Receive**
Fire Officer II Certification
(2013 Version)
Appendix C
Fire Officer Certification Track

Fire Officer I
- Building Construction for the Fire Service
- Company Officer
- Fire Service Course Delivery
- Firefighting Tactics & Strategy I
- Courage To Be Safe (NFFF)

- FO I Task Book
- FO I Exam

Fire Officer II
- Fire Prevention Practices
- Fire Service Course Design
- Firefighting Tactics & Strategy II
- Private Fire Protection Systems I
- SERP
- Courage To Be Safe (NFFF)
- ICS-300

- FO II Task Book
- FO II Exam

Fire Officer III
- Chief Officer
- Analytical Approaches in Public Fire Protection
- Legal & Ethical Issues for the Fire Service
- Courage To Be Safe (NFFF)
- ICS-400

- FO III Exam

Fire Officer IV
- Community Risk Reduction
- Personnel Management for the Fire & Emergency Services
- Strategic Planning
- Quantitative Analysis (Elective)
- Capstone Project (Elective)
- Courage To Be Safe (NFFF)

Coursework

Firefighter
Entry Point
# Appendix D
## Fire Officer I Curriculum

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<sup>3</sup> Updated Fire Officer I curriculum introduced with release of July 2000 fall schedule. “The existing Fire Officer I state examination on the previous curriculum as well as the new test, will be available through 31 October 2001. As of 1 November 2001, all examinations will be based on the courses listed above.”

<sup>4</sup> Course originally known as “Methods & Techniques of Instruction”, later renamed to “Methods & Techniques: Fire Service Instructor”. Changed in January 1996 to “Fire Service Instructor”.

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Fire Officer II Curriculum

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5 "Firefighting Tactics and Strategy II" moved from FO I Curriculum to FO II Curriculum.
6 Originally known as “Introduction to Fire and Life Safety Education”.
7 “Fire Department Administration” is replaced by “Chief Officer” and a required course in the FO III Curriculum.
8 “Fire Prevention Practices” moved from FO I Curriculum to FO II Curriculum.
9 “Private Fire Protection Systems I” moved from FO I Curriculum to FO II Curriculum.