

**ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE
AND PERSONNEL STANDARDS COMMISSION**

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE: 360-X-2-.01 Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter

INTENDED ACTION: Rearrangement of content into a standardized format for all certification levels.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

To comply with updated NFPA standard changes related to firefighter entrance requirements, correct typographical errors, and realign code into a standardized and logical format.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views orally or in writing to the Director of the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission, 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405, at any time from August 31, 2017 through October 17, 2017.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Comments will be accepted until the close of the public hearing on the matter on October 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 360-X-2
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER

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360-X-2-.01 Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter

(1) Entrance Requirements

(a) Prior to entering the certification course, the candidate shall meet the Entrance Requirements set out in NFPA 1001, *Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, as adopted by the Commission-which shall be met by the following:

1. The candidate must have on file with the Commission a Physical Statement (AFC & PSC Form 05) from a licensed practicing physician or such designee.

2. The candidate must be able to read, write and communicate the English language.

3. The candidate must be a minimum age of 18 years.

4. The candidate must have successfully completed emergency medical care training that included infection control, CPR, bleeding control and shock management.

~~(b) Prior to entering the certification course, the candidate must have on file with the Commission a Physical Statement (AFC & PSC Form 05) from a physician licensed to practice in Alabama or such physician's designee.~~

(2) Certification Requirements

~~(c)~~(a) Prior to certification, the candidate shall meet the general knowledge, skill, performance and additional requirements for Fire Fighter ~~±~~, Level I as set out in NFPA 1001, *Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, as adopted by the Commission.

~~(d)~~ Minimum age requirement is 18 years.

~~(e)~~(b) Prior to certification, the candidate shall be a Certified Hazardous Materials First Responder: Awareness and Operations. ~~Training hours required for this certification may be included in the Certified Volunteer Firefighter curriculum.~~

~~(f)~~ Prior to entering the certification course, the candidate shall provide proof of successful completion of a course of instruction equivalent to or exceeding the requirements of NFPA 1001, current edition.

~~(g)~~(3) Minimum number of training hours.

~~1.~~(a) A candidate for this level of certification shall have completed 160 hours of training during a period not exceeding twenty-four (24) months, the format and curriculum of which shall be approved by the Commission.

~~(h)~~(4) Instructor Requirements.

~~1.~~(a) This course must be taught by an instructor who has been certified and approved by the Commission as a Fire Instructor.

~~(i)~~(5) Course Description.

~~1.~~(a) This course consists of specific knowledge and skill objectives as identified in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards & Education Commission Teaching Outline Curriculum for Volunteer Fire Fighter, current edition.

~~(j)~~(6) Examinations

(a) Course Assessments

1. The instructor shall administer to the candidate a written test prepared and distributed to the instructor by the Commission at the end of each subject area of the course. The candidate must perform successfully achieve a minimum of 70% on each end-of-subject area examination.

2. The instructor shall train and assess each job performance requirement (JPR) during the course.~~practical skills~~

~~identified in the Teaching Outline for this level of training should be utilized by the candidate and by the instructor to prepare the candidate to the level required to meet competency standards identified in the Teaching Outline as specified levels of excellence and/or timed evaluations.~~

(b) State Certification Examinations

1. State certification examinations for Level I will be administered by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards & Education Commission.

(i) Cognitive Examination

(I) Cognitive examinations for Level I shall be conducted in-person and under the supervision of Alabama Fire College approved test proctors/evaluators.

(II) An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

(ii) Skills Examination

(I) Skills examinations for Level I shall be conducted in-person and under the supervision of Alabama Fire College approved test proctors/evaluators and assessed on a pass/fail basis.

(II) Two skill attempts are allowed on initial skills test day and re-tests may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of the date of course completion.

~~3. There will be an examination for state certification provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.~~

~~4. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.~~

~~5. Re test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of the date of course completion.~~

(2)(7) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the performance requirements necessary to perform the duties of a Volunteer Fire Fighter.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify the minimum job performance requirements for a Volunteer Fire Fighter. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these requirements.

(c) General

1. Each performance objective shall be performed safely, competently, and in its entirety.

2. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

3. The ~~volunteer fire fighter~~ candidate shall meet all of the objectives for Volunteer Fire Fighter before being certified at that level.

~~(3)~~(8) Objectives

(a) The objectives of this standard are based on the ability of the Volunteer Fire Fighter to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards & Education Commission ~~Teaching Outline Curriculum~~ for Volunteer Fire Fighter, current edition.

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