



**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-.02 Certified Fire Fighter I

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.

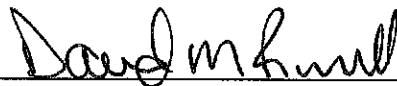
TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views orally or in writing to the Director of the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission, 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405, at any time from August 31, 2017 through October 17, 2017.

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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ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE AND PERSONNEL STANDARDS COMMISSION  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
CHAPTER 360-X-2 REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER

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360-X-2-.02 Certified Fire Fighter I

(1) General Requirements

(a) Certified Fire Fighter courses shall be delivered by one of two methods: Fire Fighter I/II program; Fire Fighter I/II Bridge program.

~~(a)(b) Fire Fighter I certification~~ This courses may only be conducted at a permanent Fire Training Center approved by the Commission.

~~(b)(c)~~ This course has a minimum initial enrollment of eight (8) candidates.

(d) This course shall be conducted in an academy format and according to a schedule that is approved by the Commission and which shall include the following elements:

1. Instruction and evaluation shall occur in a group setting with at least the required minimum number of students as prescribed in this chapter.

2. This course shall be completed within a twelve month time period.

3. Instruction shall predominantly be provided to candidates in-person. Self-paced, correspondence or predominately distance-delivery instruction is not permitted. In all cases, an approved instructor shall be physically present and responsible for the course.

4. During periods of instruction or evaluation, candidates shall be engaged solely in the educational process and shall not be subject to emergency response, administrative, maintenance, or other tasks or duties not related to the course.

(2) Entrance Requirements

since the issuance of Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter certification.

~~(f) The candidate must meet the requirements for certification prior to permanent employment or a period not exceeding 12 months after the date of employment at an approved training center.~~

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

(3) Certification Requirements

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

~~(h) (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 Fire Fighter I/II curriculum.~~

~~(i) 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.~~

(c) The candidate must meet the requirements for certification prior to permanent employment or a period not exceeding 12 months after the date of employment.

~~(j)~~ (4) Minimum number of training hours

~~1.~~ (a) Fire Fighter I/II program: A candidate for this level of certification method of program delivery shall have completed 360 hours of training, excluding any hours of training in emergency medical services, the format and curriculum of which shall be approved by the Commission.

(b) Fire Fighter I/II Bridge program : A candidate for this method of delivery shall have completed 200 hours of training, excluding any hours of training in emergency medical services, the format and curriculum of which shall be approved by the Commission.

~~2. The Fire Fighter I certification course shall be conducted in an academy format and according to a schedule that is approved by the Commission and which shall include the following elements:~~

~~(a) Instruction and evaluation shall occur in a group setting with at least the required minimum number of students as prescribed in this chapter.~~

~~(b) The Fire Fighter I/II course shall be completed within a twelve month time period.~~

~~(c) Instruction shall predominantly be provided to candidates in person. Self paced, correspondence or predominately distance delivery instruction is not permitted. In all cases, an approved instructor shall be physically present and responsible for the course.~~

~~(d) For certification purposes, skills evaluations shall be conducted in person and under the supervision of Alabama Fire College approved test proctors/evaluators.~~

~~(e) During periods of instruction or evaluation, candidates shall be engaged solely in the educational process and shall not be subject to emergency response, administrative, maintenance, or other tasks or duties not related to the course.~~

~~3. Current Certified Volunteer Fire Fighters may be certified as Fire Fighter I/II following the completion of the Bridge Certification Course as set forth in 360-X-2-.04.~~

~~(k)~~ (5) 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.

~~(l)~~ (6) 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 Fire Fighter I/II, current edition.

~~(m)~~ (7) 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

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

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

(i) Cognitive Examination

(I) Cognitive examinations for Level I and Level II 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 these examinations.

(ii) Skills Examination

(I) Skills examinations for Level I and Level II 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.

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

5-2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days of the date of the original examination for state certification and within 12 months of employment date course completion.

~~(2)~~(8) Administration

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

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify the minimum job performance requirements for a Certified

Fire Fighter I. 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 fire fighter shall meet all of the objectives for Fire Fighter Level I and Level II before being certified at ~~that~~ those levels.

~~(3)~~(9) Objectives

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

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