

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 360 Department or Agency Alabama Fire College and
Personnel Standards Education Commission

Rule No. 360-X-2-.05

Rule Title: Special Certification for Fire Chief

 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protect of public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another less restrictive method of Regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is Required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with Subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official
I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer David M. King

Date August 17, 2017

**ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE
AND PERSONNEL STANDARDS COMMISSION**

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AGENCY NAME: Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE: 360-X-2-.05 Special Certification for Fire Chief

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-.05 Special Certification For Fire Chief-

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be employed as the chief executive officer of a fire fighting agency in the State of Alabama and must not be currently certified as a Firefighter I by the Commission.

(b) The candidate must have accumulated training, certification and/or experience based on professional fire service employment.

(c) The candidate must have on file with the Commission a physical statement (AFC & PSC Form 05) from a physician licensed to practice in Alabama.

(d) The candidate must demonstrate the capacity to function as the chief executive officer of a fire fighting agency by providing documentation to support compliance with one of the following:

1. A minimum of five years of related professional experience in the fire service and the possession of a bachelor's degree in a related discipline.

2. A minimum of seven years of related professional experience in the fire service and the possession of an associate degree in a related discipline.

3. A minimum of ten years of related professional experience in the fire service and successful completion, with a score of greater than or equal to 70%, on each of the following Commission examinations:

(i) Firefighter I/II

(ii) Fire Officer I

(iii) Fire Department Safety Officer: Incident Safety Officer

(e) This special certification is limited to employment only with the fire fighting agency referenced in section (1)(a).

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the requirements necessary to obtain a Special Certification for Fire Chief.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify the minimum levels of education, experience, and/or demonstration of proficiency required to obtain a Special Certification for Fire Chief. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these requirements.

(c) General. Verification of all documents provided by the candidate, or successful completion of all testing processes, must be completed prior to the issuance of a Special Certification for Fire Chief.

(3) Objectives-

(a) The objectives of this standard are based on the ability of the candidate to demonstrate knowledge and skills necessary to function as the chief executive officer of a fire fighting agency in the State of Alabama as determined by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards & Education Commission.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§36-32-1 thru 36-32-12.

History: New Rule: Filed August 5, 2013; effective September 9, 2013.

Ed. Note: The agency was previously named "Alabama Fire Fighters' Personnel Standards And Education Commission".