

**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-9-.03 Certified Hazardous Materials Technician

INTENDED ACTION: To reflect a change in the name of the National Fire Protection Association Standard and to remove "current edition".

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Change the name of the National Fire Protection Association Standard from National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 472, *Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents* to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 472, *Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents*.

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 May 31, 2017 through July 18, 2017.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Comments will be accepted until the close of the public hearing on the matter on July 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 360-X-9

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
FIRST RESPONDER

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360-X-9-.03 Certified Hazardous Materials Technician

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must have documented proof of Hazardous Materials First Responder training at the Awareness and Operational Levels, as specified by the ~~current edition of the~~ National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 472, *Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents*, or Certified Fire Fighter I or Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter.

(b) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

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

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the levels of competence required of responders to hazardous material incidents to perform the duties of a Hazardous Materials Technician.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify minimum requirements of competence for the Hazardous Materials Technician. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

1. One of the purposes of the qualification requirements contained herein is to reduce the number of accidents, injuries, and illnesses during response to hazardous materials incidents and to help prevent exposure to hazardous materials to reduce the probability of fatalities, illnesses, and disabilities affecting emergency response personnel.

(c) General

1. The candidate shall meet all of the objectives for Hazardous Materials Technician before applying for certification at the Technician level.

2. Each performance objective for the Hazardous Materials Technician shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.

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

(3) Objectives

(a) The objectives of this standard are based on the ability of the Hazardous Materials Technician to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Hazardous Materials Technician Level, current edition.

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

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