

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

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

Rule No. 360-X-2-.02

Rule Title: Certified Fire Fighter

         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 protection of the 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 proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule?         No        

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Does the proposed 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.

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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 Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer         David M. Small        

Date         9-27-18        

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**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

INTENDED ACTION: This modification of the Administrative Code is intended to reflect the addition of a standard level defined by the National Fire Protection Association.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Alabama Fire College is accredited to conduct training and certification testing for firefighters. This training and testing is conducted in correlation with the NFPA consensus standards. The change includes removal of "First Responder" from the job title Hazardous Materials First Responder Awareness and Operations. The modified title should read Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations.

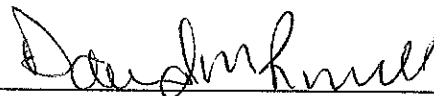
TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views orally or in writing to the Director of the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission, 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405, at any time from October 31, 2018 through January 15, 2019.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Comments will be accepted until the close of the public hearing on the matter on January 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE AND  
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ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 360-X-2  
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER

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360-X-2-.02 Certified Fire Fighter

(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.

(b) This course may only be conducted at a permanent Fire Training Center approved by the Commission.

(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

(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 verification of successful completion of the Candidate Physical Ability Exam (CPAT) within 12 months of start date of Fire Fighter I/II or Fire Fighter I/II Bridge program.

5. The candidate must have a high school diploma or GED.

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

7. Additional Entrance Requirements for Fire Fighter I/II Bridge program delivery:

(i) The candidate must have successfully completed the prescribed requirements for 360-X-2-.01 Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter.

(ii) The candidate shall have successfully completed a Fire Fighter Proficiency Exam for Level I, conducted by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards & Education Commission.

(iii) The candidate shall produce an affidavit certifying 30 hours of continuing education per calendar year as indicated in 360-X-1(d)(2) General Regulations: Administrative Procedures

since the issuance of Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter certification.

(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.

(b) Prior to certification, the candidate shall be a certified to ~~Hazardous Materials First-Responder~~: Awareness and Operations.

(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.

(4) Minimum number of training hours

(a) Fire Fighter I/II program: A candidate for this 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.

(5) Instructor Requirements

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

(6) Course Description

(a) This course consists of specific knowledge and skill objectives as identified in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards & Education Commission Curriculum for Fire Fighter I/II, current edition.

(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 achieve a minimum of 70% on each end-of-subject examination.

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

(b) State Certification Examinations

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.

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

(8) Administration

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

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify the minimum job performance requirements for a Certified 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 fire fighter shall meet all of the objectives for Level I and Level II before being certified at those levels.

(9) Objectives

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

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