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PERSONNEL STANDARDS COMMISSION  
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CHAPTER 360-X-5  
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED FIRE INVESTIGATOR

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360-X-5-.01 Certified Fire Investigator.

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be at least 18 years of age.

(b) The candidate must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

(c) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification 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 professional levels of competence required to perform the duties of a Fire Investigators.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify in terms of performance objectives the minimum standards of professional competence required for service as a Fire

Investigator. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General

1. The standards for each level of professional competence shall be completed in accordance with recognized practices and procedures or as may be defined by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

2. The objectives are not required to be mastered in the order in which they appear. The Alabama Fire College shall establish the instructional priorities and the training program content to prepare individuals to meet the performance objectives of this standard.

3. The candidate for Fire Investigator shall meet all of the objectives for Fire Investigator before being certified.

(3) Objectives.

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

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**360-X-5-.02 Certified Fire Investigator II.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Fire Investigator.

(b) The candidate must be at least 18 years of age.

(c) The candidate must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

(d) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification 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 professional levels of competence required to perform the duties of a Fire Investigator II.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify in terms of performance objectives the minimum standards of professional competence required for service as a Fire Investigator II. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The standards for each level of professional competence shall be completed in accordance with recognized practices and procedures or as may be defined by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

2. The objectives are not required to be mastered in the order in which they appear. The Alabama Fire College shall establish the instructional priorities and the training program content to prepare individuals to meet the performance objectives of this standard.

3. The candidate for Fire Investigator I shall meet all of the objectives for Fire Investigator II before being certified.

(3) Objectives

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

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**360-X-5-.03 Certified Fire Investigator III.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Fire Investigator II.

(b) The candidate must be at least 18 years of age.

(c) The candidate must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

(d) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification 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 professional levels of competence required to perform the duties of a Fire Investigator III.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify in terms of performance objectives the minimum standards of professional competence required for service as a Fire Investigator III. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The standards for each level of professional competence shall be completed in accordance with recognized practices and procedures or as may be defined by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

2. The objectives are not required to be mastered in the order in which they appear. The Alabama Fire College shall establish the instructional priorities and the training program content to prepare individuals to meet the performance objectives of this standard.

3. The candidate for Fire Investigator III shall meet all of the objectives for Fire Investigator III before being certified.

(3) Objectives. The objectives of this standard are based on the ability of the Fire Investigator to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Fire Investigator III, current edition.

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**360-X-5-.04 Certified Accelerant Detection Canine Handler.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be at least 18 years of age.

(b) The candidate must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

(c) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification 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 professional levels of competence required to perform the duties of an Accelerant Detection Canine Handler.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify in terms of performance objectives the minimum standards of professional competence required for service as an Accelerant Detection Canine Handler. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The standards for each level of professional competence shall be completed in accordance with recognized practices and procedures or as may be defined by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

2. The objectives are not required to be mastered in the order in which they appear. The Alabama Fire College shall establish the instructional priorities and the training program content to prepare individuals to meet the performance objectives of this standard.

3. The candidate for Accelerant Detection Canine Handler shall meet all of the objectives for Accelerant Detection Canine Handler before being certified.

(3) Objectives

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

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360-X-5-.05 Certified Explosives Detection Canine Handler.

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be at least 18 years of age.

(b) The candidate must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

(c) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification 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 professional levels of competence required to perform the duties of an Explosives Detection Canine Handler.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify in terms of performance objectives the minimum standards of professional competence required for service as an Explosives Detection Canine Handler. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The standards for each level of professional competence shall be completed in accordance with recognized practices and procedures or as may be defined by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

2. The objectives are not required to be mastered in the order in which they appear. The Alabama Fire College shall establish the instructional priorities and the training program content to prepare individuals to meet the performance objectives of this standard.

3. The candidate for Explosives Detection Canine Handler shall meet all of the objectives for Explosives Detection Canine Handler before being certified.

(3) Objectives

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

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