



OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL



State Fire Training

CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal's State Fire Training (SFT) Division is an essential and integral part of the California fire service and delivers over 2,700 courses annually. SFT consists of two main program elements: the California Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES) and the Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP).

Collaborative Effort

The SFT Division is a collaborative effort of the California fire service that designs and delivers courses to provide knowledge and skills for fire service personnel at all levels, which empowers them to do their jobs professionally and safely. Through efforts of organizations such as the California Fire Chiefs Association, California Professional Firefighters, California Fire Technology Directors' Association, Accredited Academies, community colleges, and fire departments, hundreds of courses are delivered to approximately 50,000 students per year. Many SFT courses lead to Professional Certification and improve the opportunity for career advancement.



California Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES)


CFSTES is the system of course delivery for Professional Certification. The Certification criteria consist of prerequisites such as work experience, completing a specific course of study, and successfully completing Certification Exam(s). Once completed, fire service personnel may submit for Certification for positions such as Fire Fighter, Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator, Company Officer, Chief Fire Officer, Executive Chief Fire Officer, Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, Fire and Life Safety Educator, Fire Inspector, Plans Examiner, Fire Marshal, and Fire Investigator. All SFT Certifications are aligned with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Professional Qualification Standards.



Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP)

FSTEP is the system of course delivery that assists fire service professionals in meeting their specialized training needs. These topic-specific opportunities include technical rescue, National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCWG) and California-specific courses, water rescue, leadership, and minimum state requirements to meet the needs of an individual department or region. As one of the premiere state-level fire service training programs in the nation, courses and programs that are developed in California are often emulated across the United States. Currently, the Fire Fighter 1 and Fire Fighter 2 Certifications are nationally accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and the National Board on Fire Services Professional Qualifications (Pro Board). Expanding the accreditation of the certification tracks remains at the forefront of the SFT program.



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