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**Date:** January 14, 2022

**To:** Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee  
 State Board of Fire Services

**From:** Chris Fowler, Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Supervisor)

**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

ICS Course Instructor Rank Requirement Update (100-Level and 200-Level Courses)

**Recommended Actions:**

Motion to Approve - Consent

**Background Information:**

In 2020, State Fire Training (SFT) identified Procedure Manual language that has unintentionally disqualified many applicants from the 100-Level and 200-Level instructor registration process. A committee was formed to review the courses identified by SFT that are impacted by this language and to propose changes. The members are: Chief David Sprague (Berkley Fire Department), Chief Bret Davidson (City of Vista Fire Department), Chief Chris Fowler, Chief Cary Petty, and Chief Mark Bisbee (State Fire Training).

The committee has identified the following:

- 1) The rank requirement of “Suppression Officer”, is interpretive and is not a title of rank that is recognized in California.
- 2) Defining what qualifies as “performance as a first-line supervisor at an incident” is interpretive.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 100-level and 200-level courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Appointed to the rank of Suppression Officer</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Performed at the First-line Supervisor level on an incident</li> </ul>
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**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

State Fire Training is proposing the following language in order to accept more applicants as Registered Instructors of the 100-Level and 200-Level courses. This language change is inclusive of state and federal partners for the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) courses.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100-level and 200-level courses</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Held a permanent position within a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of one (1) year, or worked in a volunteer position or paid call firefighter with a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of two (2) years; and</u></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Qualified in the position you have applied to instruct.</u></li></ul>
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**Potential Agency Impacts:**

None. All applicants are responsible for reviewing and applying the regulatory changes when submitting applications to State Fire Training.