FIRE APPARATUS DRIVER/OPERATOR (2017) Certification & Curriculum Implementation Plan

OVERVIEW

This plan provides information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on curriculum updates to the Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator series which includes Pumping Apparatus, Aerial Apparatus, Tillered Apparatus, Wildland Fire Apparatus, and Water Tender. This series follows the standards set forth in NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications (2017).

The six course, five certification series update required editorial changes to align with NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver Operator Professional Qualifications (2017) and the current job performance requirements (JPR) for fire fighters and personnel who drive and operate fire apparatus in both emergency and non-emergency situations.

IMPLEMENTATION

Course Plans

The Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Series 2014 course plans will discontinue on December 31, 2021. Registered Instructors teaching courses on or after January 1, 2022, shall use the 2017 course plans. This implementation plan represents a schedule designed to make the Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Series (2017) curriculum available by September 1, 2021.

Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Courses	Hours
1A: Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator (2017)	40 Hours
1B: Pump Apparatus Operations (2017)	40 Hours
1C: Aerial Apparatus Operations (2017)	40 Hours
1D: Tillered Apparatus Operations (2017)	40 Hours
1E: Wildland Fire Apparatus Operations (2017)	24 Hours
1F: Water Tender Operations (2017)	32 Hours

Task Books:

Candidates who have their Driver/Operator certification task book initiated on or after September 1, 2021, shall use the apparatus-specific 2017 certification task book.

Candidates working on a Driver/Operator certification task book initiated within the last five years are required to complete the Certification Task Book Update that corresponds with their apparatus-specific 2014 certification task book prior to applying for certification.

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INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Current Fire Apparatus/Driver Operator Registered Instructors who meet all requirements are authorized to teach the 2017 curriculum. SFT will update their Acadis profiles.

New Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator instructor candidates must meet the SFT Registered Instructor requirements, successfully complete the applicable courses (2008, 2014, or 2017 CFSTES courses all qualify), and satisfy all experience requirements.

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP), Accredited Local Academies (ALA), community colleges, and all other local delivery venues need to review the curriculum and seek approval from their curriculum committee/program sponsor as appropriate.

Candidates working on a Driver/Operator certification task book initiated within the last five years are required to complete the Certification Task Book Update that corresponds with their certification vehicle/apparatus prior to applying for certification.