



First Responder Inspector (2024) Implementation Plan

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OVERVIEW

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the updated First Responder Inspector (2024), formerly the Fire Inspector 1 (2014), curriculum requirements. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

The First Responder Inspector (2024) curriculum is presented as a Certification Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES) series. SFT updated the certification training standard (CTS) guide, course plans, and certification task book based on the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards:

- NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)

IMPLEMENTATION

Candidates entering the SFT system should enroll in the 2024 First Responder Inspector courses and comply with the most current First Responder Inspector requirements.

New Curriculum	Hours
First Responder Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration (2024)	20 hours
First Responder Inspector 1B: Fire and Life Safety (2024)	18 hours
First Responder Inspector 1C: Field Inspection (2024)	32 hours
First Responder Inspector 1D: Field Inspection – California Specific (2024)	16 hours

First Responder Inspector (2024) Curriculum..... March 1, 2026

Retirement of Fire Inspector 1 (2014) Curriculum December 31, 2026

Effective December 31, 2026, SFT will retire Fire Inspector 1 (2014). On January 1, 2027, SFT will remove the curriculum from the SFT course catalog, and it will no longer be available.

Candidates pursuing Fire Inspector 1 certification using the 2014 task book must complete and submit their Fire Inspector 1 Certification Task Book (2014) postmarked on or before December 31, 2026.

Candidates who do not meet this deadline will be required to meet the First Responder Inspector (2024) certification requirements using the First Responder Inspector (2024) Certification Task Book.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Instructor Registration..... March 1, 2026

Instructors for the First Responder Inspector (2024) curriculum must meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor. Instructors must have appropriate education and practical experience relating to the specific course content.

Existing Registered Instructors

SFT will authorize existing Fire Inspector 1 (2014) Registered Instructors to teach First Responder Inspector (2024). SFT will update the SFT User Portal Acadis.

In Process Instructor Candidates

Candidates actively pursuing Fire Inspector 1 (2014) instructor registration must submit all documentation postmarked on or before December 31, 2026. Anyone who applies to teach First Responder Inspector (2024) on or after January 1, 2027, will be required to meet the First Responder Inspector (2024) requirements.

New Instructor Registration

New instructor candidates shall meet the following requirements:

Category	Requirement
Instructor Registration	Be an OSFM Registered Instructor
Certification	Fire Inspector 1 (2014) or First Responder Inspector (2024)
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration (2014) or First Responder Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration (2024) • Fire Inspector 1B: Fire and Life Safety (2014) or First Responder Inspector 1B: Fire and Life Safety (2024) • Fire Inspector 1C: : Field Inspection (2014) or First Responder Inspector 1C: Field Inspection (2024) • Fire Inspector 1D: : Field Inspection – California Specific (2014) or First Responder Inspector 1D: Field Inspection – California Specific (2024) • Hazardous Materials First Responder Awareness course (CSTI, IAFF, IFSAC/Pro Board, SFT) • Home Ignition Zone/Defensible Space Inspector (SFT) • IS-200.C: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response (FEMA) • PC-832 Arrest, Search, and Seizure (POST) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must be completed within two years of applying for certification unless candidate is employed as a peace officer

Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has a minimum of one (1) year full-time paid experience or two (2) years' volunteer or part-time paid experience in a recognized California fire agency as Fire Inspector/Prevention Officer• Has completed a minimum of one inspection for each of the following occupancies: A1, A2, A3, B-Medical, E, F-1, H-2 or H3, I-3, M, R-1, R.2, R-2.1, S-1 with high-piled stock, U<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Inspections conducted prior to the completion of all educational requirements shall not apply.
Chief's Letter	Provide a letter signed by their Fire Chief or authorized designee that verifies qualification to deliver First Responder Inspector curriculum.
Application	Submit an SFT Instructor Registration Application
Fee	Pay the registration fee (if applicable)

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Fire agencies desiring to use the First Responder Inspector (2024) curriculum as a requirement for their recruitment/promotion activities need to review the First Responder Inspector (2024) curriculum requirements to be sure that all agency training needs are met. After review, fire agencies should update their job specifications and recruitment documentation to reflect these new courses and certification requirements.

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. ARTPs should review the new First Responder Inspector (2024) curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.