



FIRE FIGHTER RESCUE AND RAPID INTERVENTION CREW (RIC) OPERATIONS (2023) Implementation Plan

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OVERVIEW

This document provides information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the revised Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations (2023) curriculum and instructor requirements. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

The Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations curriculum and instructor requirements will be phased in for the Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP). SFT developed a new course plan based on the following current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards:

- NFPA 1407: Standard for Training Fire Service Rapid Intervention Crews;
- NFPA 1500: Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness Program; and
- NFPA 1710: Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments.

SFT also considered FIRESCOPE and OSHA reference documents in the development of this curriculum. The course plan and associated course materials are now available on the SFT website.

IMPLEMENTATION

SFT recognizes that many candidates are vested in the current RIC Operations instructor development track and therefore, the existing RIC Operations (2011) curriculum will be available for those candidates during the transition period. Candidates entering the SFT system should enroll in the new Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations course and comply with the new Fire Fighting and Rescue instructor requirements.

New Curriculum	Hours
Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations	32 hours

New Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations (2023) Curriculum.....June 1, 2023

Retirement of Fire Fighter RIC Operations (2011) Curriculum.....June 30, 2024
 Effective June 30, 2024, SFT will retire the FSTEP RIC Operations (2011) curricula from the SFT course catalog and it will no longer be available.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Instructor Registration..... Available June 1, 2023

Instructors for the Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations course 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

Due to substantial updates to existing curriculum, current RIC Operations Registered Instructors must complete the following requirements to receive authorization to teach Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations (2023):

- Fire Ground Survival Awareness (IAFF – online / Must be completed within 3 years prior to the Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations course start date.)
- Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations Instructor Update Course (IUC) virtual session to address the new FFR-RIC OPS content
- Instructor Update verification web form available on the SFT User Portal

Instructors who do not complete these three requirements prior to June 30, 2024, will be required to apply to SFT under the new instructor requirements.

Instructor Candidates with an Open Task Book

Instructor candidates actively working on a RIC Operations instructor task book must complete and submit their task book to SFT postmarked by June 30, 2024. Instructor candidates who do not complete their task book prior to June 30, 2024, will be required to apply to SFT under the new instructor requirements.

New Instructor Registration

To become a Registered Instructor for this curriculum, a candidate must:

- Be an OSFM Registered Instructor
- Complete one of the following course work options:
 - Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations (2023)
 - RIC Operations (2011) **and** Fire Ground Survival Awareness (IAFF online – completed within three years prior to applying for instructor registration)
- Complete the Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations (2023) Instructor Task Book
- Have two years' full-time or four-years part-time/volunteer suppression and rescue experience within a recognized fire agency in California
- Provide a letter signed by their Fire Chief or authorized designee that verifies qualification to deliver Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations (2023) training
- Submit an SFT Instructor Registration Application and pay the registration fee

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Fire agencies desiring to use the Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations curriculum as a requirement for their recruitment/promotion activities need to review the curriculum requirements to ensure all agency training needs are being met. After review, fire agencies should update their job specifications and recruitment documentation to reflect the new course requirements.

Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP), Accredited Local Academies (ALA), community colleges, and all other local delivery venues should review the curriculum and seek approval from their curriculum committee/program sponsor, as appropriate. ARTPs should review the new Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.