



# FIRE FIGHTER SURVIVAL (2023) Implementation Plan

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## OVERVIEW

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

The Fire Fighter Survival (2023) curriculum and instructor requirements will be phased in for the Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP). SFT developed a course plan, activities, skill sheets, instructor task book, and student training record. 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 Fire Fighter Survival instructor development track. The existing Fire Fighter Survival (2010) curriculum will be available for those candidates during the transition period. Candidates entering the SFT system should enroll in the new Fire Fighter Survival (2023) course and comply with the new Fire Fighting and Rescue Instructor requirements.

New Curriculum	Hours
Fire Fighter Survival	16 hours

**New Fire Fighter Survival (2023) Curriculum.....June 1, 2023**

**Retirement of Fire Fighter Survival (2011) Curriculum ..... December 31, 2023**  
Effective December 31, 2023, SFT will retire the FSTEP Fire Fighter Survival (2010) 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 Survival (2023) 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**

SFT will authorize existing Fire Fighter Survival Registered Instructors in good standing to teach the Fire Fighter Survival (2023) course after they complete the following:

- Fire Ground Survival Awareness (IAFF – online course)
- Fire Fighter Survival Instructor Update webform (SFT)

Existing Instructors who do not complete these requirements by June 30, 2024, will be required to re-apply under the new instructor requirements.

### **Instructor Candidates with an Open Task Book**

Candidates currently working on Fire Fighter Survival (2010) Instructor Registration must complete and submit all requirements to SFT postmarked on or by December 31, 2023, or they will be required to re-apply under the new instructor 2023 requirements.

### **New Instructor Registration**

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

- Be an OSFM Registered Instructor
- Complete the following coursework:
  - Fire Fighter Survival course (SFT) **AND**
  - Fire Ground Survival Awareness (IAFF – online course) **OR**
  - Fire Ground Survival Train-The-Trainer Course and is a certified IAFF FGS Operations Course Instructor (32 hours) (IAFF)
- Complete the Fire Fighter Survival (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 Survival (2023) training
- Submit an SFT Instructor Registration Application and pay the registration fee

### **POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS**

Fire agencies desiring to use the Fire Fighter Survival curriculum as a requirement for their recruitment/promotion activities need to review the Fire Fighter Survival (2023) 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 Survival (2023) curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.