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Incident Management of Major Fires Implementation of New Curriculum

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the new Incident Management of Major Fires (2015) curriculum, a replacement of the Fire Command 2A: Command Tactics of Major Fires (1989) curriculum. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

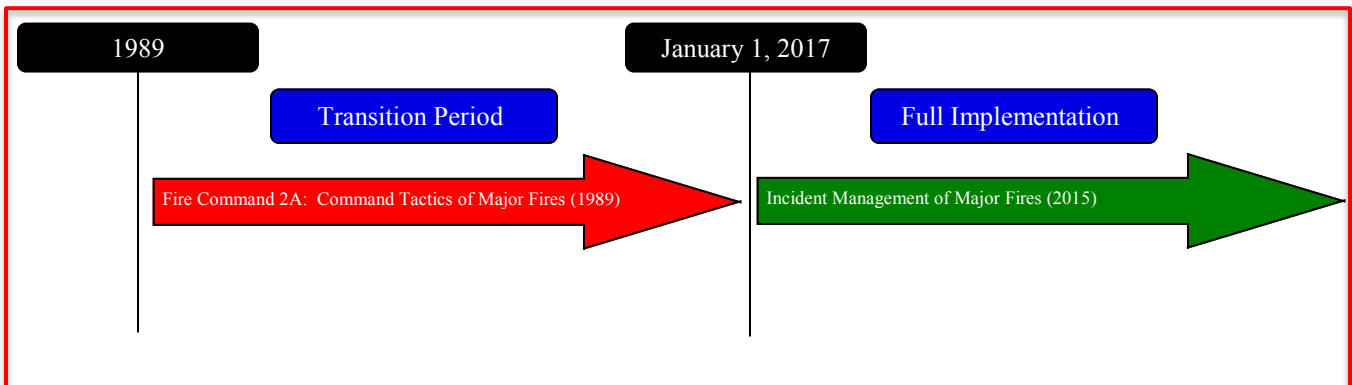
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Incident Management of Major Fires (40 hours)

Incident Management of Major Fires (2015) curriculum will replace the Fire Command 2A: Command Tactics of Major Fires (1989) curriculum in Fire Service Training and Education Program. The new Course Plan has been developed based on current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards which includes NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications (2014); NFPA 1521, Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer Professional Qualifications (2015); NFPA 1561 Standard on Emergency Services Incident Management System and Command Safety (2014). And on the following FIRESCOPE ICS documents: FIRESCOPE ICS 420-1, Field Operations Guide; FIRESCOPE ICS 500, Structure Fire Operations (2015); and FIRESCOPE ICS 910 Fire Fighter Incident Safety and Accountability Guidelines (2013). The Course Plan is available on the SFT website.

Incident Management of Major Fires (2015) Change Timeline

FULL IMPLEMENTATION..... Effective January 1, 2017



COURSE PHASE OUT..... Effective December 31, 2016

Effective December 31, 2016, Fire Command 2A: Command Tactics of Major Fires (1989) course will no longer be delivered and the curriculum will be retired.



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INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS..... Effective January 1, 2017

Current registered instructors of the Fire Command 2A: Command Tactics of Major Fires (1989) course are authorized to instruct the Incident Management of Major Fires (2015) course.

New instructors for the Incident Management of Major Fires (2015) course shall meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor, and will be required to either take the course or apply for a Pace II review of their instructor qualifications, including appropriate education and practical experience relating to course content.

Additionally, a new instructor of the Incident Management of Major Fires (2015), a FSTEP Command course, the following shall apply:

1. Rank and Professional Experience:
 - a. Held the rank of suppression officer within a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of three years or;
 - b. Worked as a volunteer suppression officer or paid call officer with a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of five years.
 - c. Specific expertise in command level strategy and tactics at major fires.

SFT STAFF COORDINATION

This course has replaced a former CFSTES course and is now a FSTEP course in the Command Instructor discipline.

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Fire agencies utilizing the existing Fire Command 2A: Command Tactics of Major Fires (1989) Curriculum as a requirement for their recruitment/promotion activities need to review the new Incident Management of the Major Fires (2015) Curriculum to ensure all agency training needs are being met. After review, fire agencies should update their job specifications and recruitment documentation to reflect this new course. Fire agencies should also evaluate how this new course may impact their existing labor agreements.

NOTE: Special attention should be paid to this new FSTEP course, as it is NOT included in either of the CFSTES Company Officer or Chief Fire Officer certification track. Agencies desiring their officers to receive additional training in strategy and tactics at major fires should strongly consider this course in their job specifications and recruitment documentation.

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 Incident Management of Major Fires (2015) curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.