



# S-223 Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic (2021) Implementation Plan

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## OVERVIEW

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the new S-223 Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic (2021) curriculum. The creation of the new curriculum utilized the best practices from actively engaged fireline EMTs, Paramedics, Medical Unit Leaders, and Division/Group Supervisors. This course provides the skills and knowledge needed to perform in the role of Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic (EMTF/EMPF). Key learning concepts include position overview, equipment and supplies, assignments, communications, Incident Action Plans and ICS forms, GPS and land navigation, fireline safety, medical emergencies, and lessons learned specific to the wildland arena. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Candidates entering the SFT system should enroll in the new S-223 Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic (2021) courses and comply with the new course requirements.

New Curriculum	Hours
S-223 Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic (2021)	16 Hours

New Curriculum..... Available May 1, 2021

## INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Instructor Registration.....Available May 1, 2021

Instructors for the S-223 Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic courses must meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor. Instructors must apply to SFT with the appropriate education and practical experience relating to the specific course content.

Current S-223 Instructors (Historical Recognition).....until June 30, 2023

The Historical Recognition is for persons who have been instructing the FIREScope S-223 course prior to SFT adopting the course.

- Meet the minimum requirements to be an SFT Registered Instructor and
- Provide a letter signed by their Fire Chief or authorized designee that verifies that the applicant has instructed the FIREScope S-223 Fire Line Medic course; and
- A qualified\* Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic with a minimum of three years' experience or a qualified\* Medical Unit Leader (MEDL)

\* Qualified by CAL FIRE, CICCIS, or NWCG by issuance of Certification and Qualification Cards (Red Cards), or other department approved documentation. Provide a letter signed by their Fire Chief or authorized designee that verifies qualification in the above positions.

**New Registered Instructors.....Beginning January 1,2023**

Meet the minimum requirements to be an SFT Registered Instructor **and be**

- Successfully complete the FSTEP S-223 Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic (2021) course; **and**
- A qualified\* Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic with a minimum of three years' experience **or** a qualified\* Medical Unit Leader (MEDL)

\* Qualified by CAL FIRE, CICCIS, or NWCG by issuance of Certification and Qualification Cards (Red Cards), or other department approved documentation. Provide a letter signed by their Fire Chief or authorized designee that verifies qualification in the above positions.

**POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS**

Fire agencies desiring to use the S-223 Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic curriculum as a requirement for their recruitment/promotion activities need to review the S-223 Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic curriculum requirements to be sure that all agency training needs are being met. After review, fire agencies should update their job specifications and recruitment documentation to reflect these new course 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 S-223 Fireline Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.