

Certification Task Book Update 22-1

Justification

In 2023, State Fire Training updated the Fire Investigator certification to align with NFPA 1033: Standard of Professional Qualification for Fire Investigator (2022).

At that time, SFT incorporated an additional wildland fire investigation component into the curriculum. Wildland fires are prevalent in California, and all fire investigators working in the state need to be able to assist with wildland fire investigations.

Revision/Update

1. NFPA made minor language revisions to the text that does not impact job performance requirement (JPR) intent.
 - No updates required.
2. SFT added four wildland-specific standards under OSFM authority.
 - If you have already completed and validated these JPRs through a previous task book, show that task book to your evaluator and have them sign off on the appropriate JPRs below.
 - If you have not completed and validated these JPRs through a previous task book, complete and validate them through this update.

Additional Requirements

Wildland Fire Investigation

1. Assist with documenting a wildland fire scene, given a simulated or actual wildland fire incident, to accurately represent the scene and identify evidence, pertinent contents, significant patterns, and area(s) or point(s) of origin.* (OSFM) (CTS 6-2)

Evaluator Signature: _____ Date Verified: _____

2. Assist with identifying the origin areas, given an actual or simulated wildland fire incident, so that the opinion regarding origin is supported by the data, facts, and evidence.* (OSFM) (CTS 6-3)

Evaluator Signature: _____ Date Verified: _____

3. Assist with identifying the ignition source and cause of a wildland fire, given an actual or simulated wildland fire scene, so that what brought the ignition source and materials together is determined.* (OSFM) (CTS 6-4)

Evaluator Signature: _____ Date Verified: _____

4. Assist with locating, photographing, documenting, and protecting wildland fire evidence, given an actual or simulated wildland fire scene so that evidence is properly identified, preserved, collected, packaged, and stored for use in testing, legal, or other proceedings and examinations.* (OSFM) (CTS 6-5)

Evaluator Signature: _____ Date Verified: _____

* Successful completion of FI-210 - Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination (NWCG) meets the requirements for this JPR.

FI-210 - Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination (NWCG)

Evaluator Signature: _____ Date Verified: _____

Fire Chief

Candidate's Fire Chief*:

(please print): _____

I, the undersigned, am the person authorized to verify the candidate's qualifications for certification. I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the completion of all requirements documented herein are true in every respect. I understand that misstatements, omissions of material facts, or falsification of information or documentation may be cause for rejection.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

* A police chief, sheriff, or equivalent may partner with a fire chief or their authorized designee already on file with SFT to initiate (when applicable) and then review and confirm the completion of a candidate's certification task book. The fire chief or their authorized designee must be the signatory.