



# Fire Marshal (2024) Implementation Plan

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## OVERVIEW

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the updated Fire Marshal (2024) curriculum requirements. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

The Fire Marshal (2024) curriculum is presented as a Certification Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES) series. SFT updated the certification training standard (CTS) guide, course plans, and certification task book based on the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards:

- NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)

## IMPLEMENTATION

Candidates entering the SFT system should enroll in the 2024 Fire Marshal courses and comply with the most current Fire Marshal requirements.

New Curriculum	Hours
<b>Fire Marshal 1A: Administration and Professional Development (2024)</b>	<b>22 hours</b>
<b>Fire Marshal 1B: Community Risk Reduction Planning and Management (2024)</b>	<b>20 hours</b>
<b>Fire Marshal 1C: Fire Investigation Program Management (2024)</b>	<b>24 hours</b>
<b>Fire Marshal 1D: Regulatory Program Management (2024)</b>	<b>30 hours</b>

**Fire Marshal (2024) Curriculum..... March 1, 2026**

**Retirement of Fire Marshal (2014) Curriculum ..... December 31, 2026**

Effective December 1, 2026, SFT will retire Fire Marshal (2016). On January 1, 2027, SFT will remove the curriculum from the SFT course catalog, and it will no longer be available.

Candidates pursuing Fire Marshal certification using the 2014 task book must complete and submit their Fire Marshal Certification Task Book (2016) postmarked on or before June 30, 2027.

Candidates who do not meet this deadline will be required to meet the Fire Marshal (2024) certification requirements using the Fire Marshal (2024) Certification Task Book.

## INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

### Instructor Registration..... **March 1, 2026**

Instructors for the Fire Marshal (2024) curriculum 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 Registered Instructors authorized to teach Fire Marshal (2016) must complete the following requirement to obtain authorization to teach Fire Marshal (2024):

- Complete the Fire Marshal webform available through SFT.

### In Process Instructor Candidates

Candidates actively pursuing Fire Marshal (2016) instructor registration must submit all Fire Marshal (2016) instructor registration documentation postmarked on or before December 31, 2026. Anyone who applies to teach Fire Marshal (2024) on or after January 1, 2027, will be required to meet the Fire Marshal (2024) requirements.

Then SFT Registered Instructors authorized to teach Fire Marshal (2016) must complete the following requirement to obtain authorization to teach Fire Marshal (2024):

- Complete the Fire Marshal webform available through SFT.

### New Instructor Registration

New instructor candidates shall meet the following requirements:

Category	Requirement
<b>Instructor Registration</b>	Be an OSFM Registered Instructor
<b>Certification</b>	Fire Marshal (2024)
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Fire Marshal 1A: Administration and Professional Development (2024)</li><li>● Fire Marshal 1B: Community Risk Reduction Planning and Management (2024)</li><li>● Fire Marshal 1C: Fire Investigation Program Management (2024)</li><li>● Fire Marshal 1D: Regulatory Program Management (2024)</li><li>● Chief Fire Officer 3A: Human Resource Management for Chief Fire Officers (2014 or newer) <b>OR</b> Fire Officer 3A: Human Resource Management (2020)</li><li>● Fire and Life Safety Educator (2019 or newer)</li><li>● Statutes and Regulations (SFT- Completed within the last 10 years)</li><li>● G0290: Basic Public Information Officer Course (2016) <b>OR</b> L0105: Public Information Basics (2025)G0290: Basic Public Information Officer Course <b>OR</b> S-203: Introduction to Incident Information (CalEMA/Cal OES, CSTI,</li></ul>

	CDF/CAL FIRE, FEMA, FIREScope, NFA, NWCG, SFT) <b>OR</b> E/L0105: Public Information Basics (EMI, CSTI)
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Held the position of fire marshal within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of three (3) years</li></ul>
<b>Chief's Letter</b>	Provide a letter signed by their Fire Chief or authorized designee that verifies qualification to deliver Fire Marshal curriculum.
<b>Application</b>	Submit an SFT Instructor Registration Application
<b>Fee</b>	Pay the registration fee

### **POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS**

Fire agencies desiring to use the Fire Marshal (2024) curriculum as a requirement for their recruitment/promotion activities need to review the Fire Marshal (2024) curriculum requirements to be sure that all agency training needs are met. After review, fire agencies should update their job specifications and recruitment documentation to reflect these new courses and certification 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 Fire Marshal (2024) curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.