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Fire Marshal Certification Track Implementation of New Curriculum and Certification Requirements

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

NEW Fire Marshal Certification (2018) will be phased in and will replace the current Fire Marshal certification. This new curriculum and certification is based on the 2016 Edition NFPA 1037 Standard for Fire Marshal Professional Qualifications.

Courses for Fire Marshal Certification

- Fire Marshal 1A: Administration and Professional Development (22 hours)
- Fire Marshal 1B: Community Relations & Fire and Life Safety Education (17.5 hours)
- Fire Marshal 1C: Fire Investigation Program Management (18.0 hours)
- Fire Marshal 1D: Community Risk Reduction Program Management (19.5 hours)
- Fire Marshal 1E: Regulatory Program Management (28.5 hours)

Task Books/Application Form: Implementation of the new Fire Marshal certification requires that candidates complete a comprehensive task book for certification. The task book covers all of the job performance requirements contained in the aforementioned professional qualification standards. The task book will be made available to candidates by SFT upon completion of all course work and with authorization from their employer. Occupational experience will be verified by the Fire Chief or designee on file signing the task book upon completion. In addition, a new application form will be implemented.

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

The Fire Marshal (1997) courses were retired on December 31, 2016 as part of the Fire Officer Curriculum retirement.

Existing Fire Marshal (1997) Certification will continue to be available until December 31, 2019 for those candidates that find it most advantageous to complete the certification track. Candidates must choose to meet either the existing Fire Marshal (1997) certification or the new Fire Marshal (2018) certification requirements, cross over between the two will not be allowed.

TRANSITION PERIOD Effective March 1, 2018– December 31, 2019

SFT recognizes that during the transition period some candidates will be vested in the current Fire Marshal (1997) track and, therefore, the existing Fire Marshal (1997) Certification will be available for those candidates throughout the transition period. The courses for Fire Marshal (1997) certification are no longer available.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS Effective December 31, 2016

Instructors for the new Fire Marshal courses must continue to meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor. Instructors for the initial roll out of this new curriculum will need to apply for a PACE II review of their instructor qualifications, including appropriate education and practical experience relating to course content. In the future, new instructors will be required to either complete the new course or apply for a PACE II review.

Certification Testing: N/A

In response to Blueprint 2020 stakeholder comment, SFT anticipates implementation of a certification examination for the new Fire Marshal certifications at a future date.

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Fire agencies utilizing Fire Marshal as a requirement for their recruitment/promotion activities need to review the new Fire Marshal Curriculum and certification 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 courses and certification requirements. Fire agencies should also evaluate how these new courses and certification requirements will impact their existing labor agreements.

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 curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.