



# INTERIM PROCEDURES

## Fire Investigator and Rescue Instructor Course Updates

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### Procedure Changes

- Edition:** May 2020 edition of the State Fire Training Procedures Manual
- Effective Date:** July 1, 2019
- Section Change:** Updated section 6.7.9: Fire Fighting and Rescue Instructor
- Justification:** State Fire Training has added several new courses to our course catalog including Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Awareness, Incident Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors, Open Water Rescue Boat Operator – Small Vessel, and Open Water Rescue Boat Operator – Large Vessel. Fireline Safety for the Hired Vendor was retired from the SFT course catalog. The instructor experience requirement for Confined Space Rescue Awareness was revised. These changes are directed at meeting the requirements as identified and recommended by the Curriculum Cadre.
- SFT Contact:** [Contact SFT Staff](#) assigned to the specific certification.
- Note:** All new text appears in underline. All deleted text appears in ~~strikeout~~

## 6.7: INSTRUCTIONAL DISCIPLINES

### 6.7.9: FIRE FIGHTING AND RESCUE INSTRUCTOR

#### 6.7.9.1: Eligible Courses

Table 6.7.9.1: Fire Fighting and Rescue Instructor Eligible Courses

CFSTES Courses	FSTEP Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Awareness</u></li> <li>• Command and Control of the RIC Deployment</li> <li>• Confined Space Rescue Awareness</li> <li>• Emergency Response to Alternative Fuels</li> <li>• Fire Fighter Survival</li> <li>• <del>Fireline Safety for the Hired Vendor</del></li> <li>• <u>Incident Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors</u></li> <li>• Large Animal Rescue Operational</li> <li>• Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational (LARRO)</li> <li>• Open Water Rescuer – Basic</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Open Water Rescue Boat Operator – Small Vessel</u></li><li>• <u>Open Water Rescue Boat Operator – Large Vessel</u></li><li>• Personal Watercraft Operations</li><li>• Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Operations</li><li>• Rescue Boat Operations</li><li>• River and Flood Water Rescue</li><li>• <u>River/Flood Rescue Technician</u></li><li>• Tire Fire Prevention and Suppression</li><li>• Trench Rescue</li><li>• Vehicle Extrication</li></ul>
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### 6.7.9.2: General Qualifications

- A. A Registered Primary Instructor for a Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP) Fire Fighting and Rescue course shall meet the following the qualifications required of all State Fire Training (SFT) Registered Primary Instructors.
1. See **6.2.1: Qualifications**.

### 6.7.9.3: Course Work

- A. Attending and passing SFT's Confined Space Rescue Technician course meets the requirement for attending and passing Confined Space Rescue Awareness.
- B. Registered Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational Instructors must have attended and passed ICS-200: Basic ICS.
- C. Attending and passing SFT's Auto Extrication (1996) course meets the requirement for attending and passing Vehicle Extrication.
- D. Incident Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors instructors must have attended and passed Incident Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors (2018); Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS-100); Firefighter Training (S-130); Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior (S-190); Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (S-290); Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service (L-180); ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents (IS-200.B); and National Incident Management System - An Introduction (NIIMS 700.A).

### 6.7.9.4: Teaching Experience



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- A. In order to teach Command and Control of the RIC Deployment, the Registered Instructor must have previously assisted another Registered Instructor in teaching the course at least once.
  - 1. The Registered Instructor applicant shall submit to SFT a letter from a Registered Instructor verifying this requirement.
- B. It is recommended that a new instructor for SFT’s Incident Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors co-teach with a primary instructor during their first course presentation.

### 6.7.9.5: Professional Experience

- A. A Registered Primary Instructor for an FSTEP Fire Fighting and Rescue course shall meet the professional experience qualifications listed below.
  - 1. Performing in an “acting” capacity does not qualify.

**Table 6.7.9.5: Fire Fighting and Rescue Instructor Professional Experience**

FSTEP Course	Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Awareness</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Held the rank of Fire Fighter and/or performed rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of three years; or worked in a volunteer position or paid call firefighter with a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of five years.</u></li> <li>• <u>Have a minimum of three years’ experience within a recognized fire agency in California in the field of aircraft rescue and fire fighting</u></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confined Space Rescue Awareness</li> <li>• <del>Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational</del></li> <li>• <del>Personal Watercraft Operations</del></li> <li>• <del>Rescue Boat Operations</del></li> <li>• <del>River and Flood Water Rescue</del></li> <li>• <del>Trench Rescue</del></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held the rank of Fire Fighter and/or performed rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of <del>two</del><u>three</u> years</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Response to Alternative Fuels</li> <li>• <del>Fireline Safety for the Hired Vendor</del></li> <li>• Large Animal Rescue Operational</li> <li>• <u>Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held the rank of Fire Fighter and/or performing suppression/rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of two years</li> </ul>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Water Rescuer – Basic</li> <li>• <u>Personal Watercraft Operations</u></li> <li>• <u>Rescue Boat Operations</u></li> <li>• <u>River and Flood Water Rescue</u></li> <li>• Tire Fire Prevention and Suppression</li> <li>• <u>Trench Rescue</u></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Command and Control of RIC Deployment</li> </ul>	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held the rank of Suppression Officer within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of three years</li> <li>• Worked as a volunteer Suppression Officer or paid Call Officer within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of five years</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Incident Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>Letter verifying the following experience:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Minimum of five (5) years’ full-time paid experience in a federal, state, local or provincial fire agency and holds the rank of Company Officer</u></li> <li>• <u>Has responded as a Single Resource or Overhead assignment which has gone through a check-in, briefing and demob (completed a Shift Ticket) process on a campaign incident</u></li> <li>• <u>Has working knowledge, skills and abilities performing within Incident Command</u></li> <li>• <u>Has been assigned to an incident within the last five (5) years meeting (Red Card currency)</u></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Operations</li> <li>• Fire Fighter Survival</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have five years suppression/rescue experience, of which two years must be while holding the rank of Fire Fighter performing suppression/rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Open Water Rescue Boat Operator – Small Vessel</u></li> <li>• <u>Open Water Rescue Boat Operator – Large Vessel</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Held the rank of Fire Fighter and/or performed rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of three years; or worked in a volunteer position</u></li> </ul>



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	<p><u>or paid call firefighter with a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of five years.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Specific expertise in Technical Rescue as it relates to Open Water Search and Rescue Boat Operations and Seamanship. Expertise must be relative to the size of the vessel and power configuration and qualify based on the scope required for the curriculum chosen to facilitate.</u></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>River/Flood Rescue Technician</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Held the rank of Fire Fighter and/or performed rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of three years; or worked in a volunteer position or paid call firefighter with a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of five years.</u></li> <li>• <u>Must have specific expertise in Technical Rescue as it relates to the River/Flood environment.</u></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle Extrication</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have three year’s suppression/rescue experience performing suppression/rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California</li> </ul>