



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR Interim Procedures

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Procedure Changes

- Edition** May 2020 edition of the State Fire Training Procedures Manual
- Effective Date:** December 1, 2021
- Section Change:** Modify Sections 6.7 and 7.3
- Justification:** This Interim Procedure codifies the changes implemented with the new Fire and Life Safety Educator courses and certification. It retires the legacy Community Risk Reduction series.
- 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

6.7.2: FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR (FORMERLY COMMUNITY RISK INSTRUCTOR)

6.7.2.1: Eligible Courses

Table 6.7.2.1: Fire and Life Safety Educator~~Community Risk~~ Instructor Eligible Course

CFSTES Courses	FSTEP Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Risk Educator • Community Risk Officer • Community Risk Specialist • <u>Fire and Life Safety 1</u> • <u>Fire and Life Safety 2</u> • <u>Fire and Life Safety 3</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

6.7.2.2: General Qualifications

- A. A Registered Primary Instructor for a California Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES) Fire and Life Safety Educator~~Community Risk~~ courses shall meet the qualifications required of all State Fire Training (SFT) Registered Primary Instructors.
 1. See **6.2.1: Qualifications**.
- B. A Registered Primary Instructor authorized to teach one of the courses in the Retired Courses column is authorized to deliver the corresponding course in the Corresponding Courses column.



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Table 6.7.2.2: Fire and Life Safety Educator Legacy Matrix

<u>Retired Courses</u>	<u>Corresponding Courses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Risk Educator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire and Life Safety 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Risk Specialist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire and Life Safety 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Risk Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire and Life Safety 3

6.7.2.3: Professional Experience

A. A Registered Primary Instructor for a CFSTES Fire and Life Safety Educator~~Community Risk~~ course shall meet the professional experience qualifications listed below.

1. Performing in an “acting” capacity does not qualify.

Table 6.7.2.3: Fire and Life Safety Educator~~Community Risk~~ Instructor Professional Experience

<u>CFSTES Course</u>	<u>Experience</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Risk Educator <u>Fire and Life Safety Educator 1</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a minimum of one year’s experience as a Fire and Life Safety Educator within a recognized fire agency in California
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Risk Officer <u>Fire and Life Safety Educator 2</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a minimum of two years’ full-time paid or four<u>six</u> years’ volunteer or part-time paid experience <u>as a fire and life safety educator within a recognized fire agency in California</u> pertaining to fire and life safety education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Risk Specialist <u>Fire and Life Safety Educator 3</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a minimum of three years’ full-time paid or six<u>two</u> years’ volunteer or part-time paid experience <u>as a fire and life safety educator within a recognized fire agency in California</u> pertaining to fire and life safety education

7.3: Community Risk

7.3.1: COMMUNITY RISK EDUCATOR

7.3.1.1: Overview

A. The Community Risk Educator certification provides the knowledge and skills needed to effectively and competently coordinate and deliver existing educational information and programs.



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- ~~B. The Community Risk certification series replaced the Public Education Officer I certification, which retired on December 31, 2016.~~
 - C. Candidates pursuing Community Risk Educator certification under the requirements listed here must complete all requirements and submit all application materials and fees postmarked on or before December 31, 2022.

7.3.1.2: History

- A. Established
 - November 20, 2014
 - The Community Risk certification series replaced the Public Education Officer I certification, which retired on December 31, 2016.
- B. Revised
 - Not applicable
- C. Retired
 - Scheduled to retire on December 31, 2022

7.3.1.3: Prerequisites

- A. None

7.3.1.4: Education

- A. Community Risk Educator

7.3.1.5: Certification Exam

- A. Not applicable

7.3.1.6: Certification Task Book

- A. Community Risk Educator Certification Task Book

7.3.1.7: Experience

- A. Fire Service (one of the following three options)
 1. Have a minimum of six months' full-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California in fire and life safety education
 2. Have a minimum of one years' volunteer or part-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California in fire and life safety education



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3. Have a combination of full-time paid and part-time paid or volunteer experience equal to six months' full-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California in fire and life safety education
 - i. Part-time paid or volunteer to full-time paid ratio is 2:1 (for example, two months' part-time paid or volunteer = one month full-time paid)

7.3.1.8: Position

- A. Not applicable

7.3.1.9: Application

- A. See 7.2.4: Application Process – With a Certification Task Book.
- B. Supporting Documentation
 1. Education
 - i. Copies of course completion certificates from State Fire Training (SFT) for each educational requirement

7.3.1.10: Maintenance

- A. No requirements

7.3.2: COMMUNITY RISK SPECIALIST

7.3.2.1: Overview

- A. The Community Risk Specialist certification provides the knowledge and skills to safely, effectively, and competently prepare educational information and programs to meet identified needs; conduct juvenile fire setter (JFS) intakes/interviews and determine the need for a referral or implementing educational intervention strategies; and manage media interaction and articulate organizational messaging as a Public Information Officer (PIO).
- ~~B. The Community Risk certification series replaced the Public Education Officer I certification, which retired on December 31, 2016.~~
- B. Candidates pursuing Community Risk Specialist certification under the requirements listed here must complete all requirements and submit all application materials and fees postmarked on or before December 31, 2021.

7.3.2.2: History



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- A. Established
 - November 20, 2014
- B. Revised
 - Not applicable
- C. Retired
 - Scheduled to retire on December 31, 2021

7.3.2.3: Prerequisites

- A. OSFM certified Community Risk Educator

7.3.2.4: Education

- A. Community Risk Specialist

7.3.2.5: Certification Exam

- A. Not applicable

7.3.2.6: Certification Task Book

- A. Community Risk Specialist Certification Task Book

7.3.2.7: Experience

- A. Fire Service (one of the following three options)
 1. Have a minimum of one year's full-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California in fire and life safety education
 2. Have a minimum of two years' volunteer or part-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California in fire and life safety education
 3. Have a combination of full-time paid and part-time paid or volunteer experience equal to one year's full-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California in fire and life safety education
 - i. Part-time paid or volunteer to full-time paid ratio is 2:1 (for example, two months' part-time paid or volunteer = one month full-time paid)

7.3.2.8: Position

- A. Not applicable



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7.3.2.9: Application

- A. See 7.2.4: Application Process – With a Certification Task Book.
- B. Supporting Documentation
 - 1. Prerequisites
 - i. A copy of the State Fire Training (SFT) Community Risk Educator certificate
 - ii. If waiving this requirement, a verification letter signed by the Fire Chief, or his or her authorized designee, confirms officer rank (See **4.1.1: Letters of Verification.**)
 - 2. Education
 - i. Copies of course completion certificates from SFT for each educational requirement

7.3.2.10: Maintenance

- A. No requirements

7.3.3: COMMUNITY RISK OFFICER

7.3.3.1: Overview

- A. The Community Risk Office certification provides the knowledge and skills needed to safely, effectively, and competently create, administer, and evaluate educational information and programs, and manage a Juvenile Fire Setting Intervention Program and the activities of the Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Specialist (JFIS) I.
- ~~B. The Community Risk certification series replaced the Public Education Officer I certification, which retired on December 31, 2016.~~
- B. Candidates pursuing Community Risk Specialist certification under the requirements listed here must complete all requirements and submit all application materials and fees postmarked on or before December 31, 2021.

7.3.3.2: History

- A. Established
 - November 20, 2014
 - The Community Risk certification series replaced the Public Education Officer I certification, which retired on December 31, 2016.
- B. Revised



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- Not applicable

C. Retired

- Scheduled to retire on December 31, 2021

7.3.3.3: Prerequisites

- A. Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) certified Community Risk Specialist

7.3.3.4: Education

- A. Community Risk Officer

7.3.3.5: Certification Exam

- A. Not applicable

7.3.3.6: Certification Task Book

- A. Community Risk Officer Certification Task Book

7.3.3.7: Experience

- A. Fire Service (one of the following three options)
 1. Have a minimum of three year's full-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California in fire and life safety education
 2. Have a minimum of six years' volunteer or part-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California in fire and life safety education
 3. Have a combination of full-time paid and part-time paid or volunteer experience equal to three year's full-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California in fire and life safety education
 - i. Part-time paid or volunteer to full-time paid ratio is 2:1 (for example, two months' part-time paid or volunteer = one month full-time paid)

7.3.3.8: Position

- A. Not applicable

7.3.3.9: Application

- A. See 7.2.4: Application Process – With a Certification Task Book.



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B. Supporting Documentation

1. Prerequisites

- i. A copy of the State Fire Training (SFT) Community Risk Specialist certificate
- ii. If waiving this requirement, a verification letter signed by the Fire Chief, or his or her authorized designee, confirms officer rank (See **4.1.1: Letters of Verification.**)

2. Education

- i. Copies of course completion certificates from SFT for each educational requirement

7.3.3.10: Maintenance

A. No requirements

7.3.4: Fire and Life Safety Educator

7.3.4.1: Overview

- A. The Fire and Life Safety Educator certification provides the knowledge and skills to coordinate and deliver existing educational programs and information; prepare educational programs and information to meet identified needs; and create, administer, and evaluate educational information and programs.

7.3.4.2: History

A. Established

- December 1, 2021
 - The OSFM Fire and Life Safety Educator (2015) certification combines the NFPA 1035 standards for Fire and Life Safety I, II, and III into a single certification.
 - This single certification replaces OSFM's previous Community Risk Educator, Community Risk Specialist, and Community Risk Officer certifications.
 - This certification no longer requires successful completion of the Public Information Officer, Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist, and Youth Firesetter Program Manager standards included in NFPA 1035 (2015).

B. Revised

- Not applicable

7.3.4.3: Prerequisites



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A. None

7.3.4.4: Education

A. FLSE 1A: Fire and Life Safety Educator 1 or Community Risk Educator

B. FLSE 1B: Fire and Life Safety Educator 2

C. FLSE 1C: Fire and Life Safety Educator 3

D. One of the following:

1. Fire Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration
2. Company Officer 2C: Fire Inspections and Investigation
3. Three college-level units in Introduction to Fire Technology

E. One of the following:

1. Public Information and Warning (FEMA EL0105)
2. Public Information Officer – Basic (FEMA G290)
3. Introduction to Incident Information (NWCG S-203)

F. One of the following:

1. Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention (NFA-F0633 and NFA-F0634)
2. Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention (NFA-R0629)

7.3.4.5: Certification Exam

A. Not applicable

7.3.4.6: Certification Task Book

A. One of the following:

1. Fire and Life Safety Educator Certification Task Book (2015)
2. Community Risk Officer (2010) Certification Task Book with all relevant Task Book Updates

7.3.4.7: Experience

A. One of the following, performing fire and life safety education within a recognized fire agency in California:

1. Three years' full-time paid experience



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2. Six years' volunteer or part-time paid experience (two months' part-time paid or volunteer = one month full-time paid)
3. A combination of full-time paid and part-time paid or volunteer experience equal to three years' full-time paid

7.3.4.8: Position

- A. Not applicable

7.3.4.9: Application

- A. See 7.2.4: Application Process – With a Certification Task Book.

7.3.4.10: Maintenance

- A. No requirements