



Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations (2023) Interim Procedures

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Procedure Changes

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Section Changes: Modify and update the following sections:

- 6.7.9: Fire Fighting and Rescue Instructor
- 9.1.2: Approved Reciprocal Courses
- 9.2.2: Approved Equivalent Courses

Justification: Following approval by the State Board of Fire Services (SBFS), the new Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations (2023) will go into effect on June 1, 2023. The new curriculum provides directive for Instructor qualifications and reciprocity with IAFF curriculum.

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Note: All new text appears in underline. All deleted text appears in ~~strikeout~~.

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"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Awareness • Confined Space Rescue Awareness • <u>Fire Fighter Rescue and Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Operations</u> • Fire Fighter Survival • Incident Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors • Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational (LARRO) • Open Water Rescuer – Basic • Open Water Rescue Boat Operator – Small Vessel • Open Water Rescue Boat Operator – Large Vessel • Personal Watercraft Operations • Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Operations • Rescue Boat Operations • River and Flood Water Rescue • River/Flood Rescue Technician • River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2019) • Trench Rescue • Vehicle Extrication

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

- A. 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"> • Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held the rank of Fire Fighter and/or performed rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of three (3) years; or worked in a volunteer position or paid call firefighter with a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of five (5) years. • Have a minimum of three years’ experience within a recognized fire agency in California in the field of aircraft rescue and fire fighting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confined Space Rescue Awareness • Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held the rank of Fire Fighter and/or performed rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of two (2) years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational • Open Water Rescuer - Basic • Personal Watercraft Operations • Rescue Boat Operations • River and Flood Water Rescue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held the rank of Fire Fighter and/or performing suppression/rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of two (2) years

FSTEP Course	Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trench Rescue 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors 	<p>Letter verifying the following experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Has responded as a Single Resource or Overhead assignment which has gone through a check-in, briefing, and demobilization (completed a Shift Ticket) process on a campaign fire Has working knowledge, skills, and abilities performing within Incident Command Has been assigned to an incident within the last five (5) years (Red Card currency)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Fire Fighter Rescue and Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Operations</u> Fire Fighter Survival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have <u>two (2) five (5) years' full-time or four (4) years' part-time/volunteer suppression and /rescue experience, of which two (2) years must be while holding the rank of Fire Fighter</u> performing suppression/rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Water Rescue Boat Operator – Small Vessel Open Water Rescue Boat Operator – Large Vessel River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held the rank of Fire Fighter and/or performed rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of three (3) years; or worked in a volunteer position or paid call Fire Fighter with a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of five (5) years. 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> River and Flood Rescue Technician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held the rank of Fire Fighter and/or performed rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of two (2) years; or worked in a volunteer position or paid call Fire Fighter with a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of four (4) years.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle Extrication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have three (3) year's suppression/rescue experience performing suppression/rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in

FSTEP Course	Experience
	California

6.7.9.6: Task Book

A. Fire Fighter Survival

1. An Instructor applicant for Fire Fighter Survival shall complete the appropriate instructor trainee task book.
2. A candidate must complete the task book within three years of its initiation date. Otherwise, a candidate must initiate a new task book using the curriculum's current published version.~~A Registered Fire Fighter Survival Primary Instructor must sign off on the applicant's task book within two (2) years of its initiation.~~

B. Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational

1. An Instructor applicant for Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational (LARRO) shall complete the appropriate instructor trainee task book.
2. A Registered LARRO Primary Instructor must sign off on the applicant's task book within two (2) years of its initiation.

C. Fire Fighter Rescue and Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Operations

1. An Instructor applicant for Fire Fighter Rescue and Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Operations shall complete the appropriate instructor trainee task book.
2. A candidate must complete the task book within three years of its initiation date. Otherwise, a candidate must initiate a new task book using the curriculum's current published version.~~A Registered Rapid Intervention Crew Operations Primary Instructor must sign off on the applicant's tTask bBook within two (2) years of its initiation.~~

9.1.2: Approved Reciprocal Courses

- A. State Fire Training (SFT) recognizes courses or NFPA Professional Qualifications offered by other agencies and institutions as equivalent or reciprocal to similar courses offered through SFT.
- B. In **Table 9.1.2: Approved Reciprocal Courses**, SFT has identified the following reciprocal courses.
- C. See **Acronym Glossary** for a complete list of provider acronyms.

Table 9.1.2: Approved Reciprocal Courses

SFT Course	Approved Reciprocal Course	Provider	Effective Dates
Chief Fire Officer 3A	Executive Development (R123); or Interpersonal Dynamics in Fire Service Organizations (R332)	NFA (10-day course)	
Chief Fire Officer 3B	Executive Leadership (R125)	NFA (10-day course)	
Chief Fire Officer 3C	Fire Services Financial Management (R333)	NFA (10-day course)	
Chief Fire Officer 3D	Command and Control of Fire Department Operations at Multi-Alarm Incidents (R297)	NFA (6-day course)	
Community Risk Educator	Changing American Families at Risk (R0358); or Application of Community Risk Reduction (R0385)	NFA (6-day course)	
Company Officer 2A: Human Resource Management	Leadership in Supervision (R0645)	NFA (6-day course)	
Company Officer 2A: Human Resource Management	Company Officer Academy 2017	CAL FIRE	Beginning 1/2017
Company Officer 2A: Human Resource Management	Leadership in Supervision (R0645)* <u> </u>	NFA (6-day course)	
Company Officer 2B	Leadership in Supervision (R0645)* <u> </u>	NFA (6-day course)	

SFT Course	Approved Reciprocal Course	Provider	Effective Dates
Company Officer 2D: All-Risk Command Operations	Command and Control of Incident Operations (R0312)	NFA (6-day course)	
Company Officer 2D: All-Risk Command Operations	Company Officer Academy 2017	CAL FIRE	Beginning 1/2017
Company Officer 2E: Wildland Incident Operations	Company Officer Academy 2017	CAL FIRE	Beginning 1/2017
Executive Chief Fire Officer 4D	Executive Analysis of Fire Service Operations in Emergency Management (R0306); or Command and Control of Fire Department Operations at Natural and Manmade Disasters (R0308)	NFA (10-day course)	
Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator 1A: Driver/Operator	Company Officer Academy 2017	CAL FIRE	Beginning 1/2017
Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator 1B: Pumping Apparatus Operations	Company Officer Academy 2017	CAL FIRE	Beginning 1/2017
Fire Fighter Survival	Fire Ground Survival Operations*	IAFF	9/13
Fire Investigation 1A	Fire/Arson Investigation (R0811)	NFA (6-day course)	
Fire Investigation 1B	Fire/Arson Investigation (R0206) or Fire Investigation Essentials (R0772)	NFA (10-day course)	
Fire Investigation 1C	Interviewing-Interrogation Techniques and Courtroom Testimony (R0208 or R0790)	NFA (10-day course)	
Fire Inspector 1A	Fire Inspection I (R390)	NFA (6-day course)	
Fire Inspector 1B	Fire Prevention Specialist II (R391)	NFA (6-day course)	
Fire Inspector 2A	Fire Inspection Principles (R220)	NFA (6-day course)	

SFT Course	Approved Reciprocal Course	Provider	Effective Dates
Instructor 3	Training Program Management (R0445)	NFA (6-day course)	
Plan Examiner 1A	Fire Life Safety (R0393)	NFA (6-day course)	
Wildland Fire Apparatus Operations	Company Officer Academy 2017	CAL FIRE	Beginning 1/2017

~~** SFT shall accept the IAFF certificate containing the following language to meet the prerequisite requirements for an FSTEP Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Operations course: "Completed the requirements for CAL FIRE, Office of the State Fire Marshal, State Fire Training, Fire Fighter Survival course completion equivalency."~~

Δ* Leadership in Supervision (R0645) can be used as equivalent to Company Officer 2A or 2B, but not for both.

9.2.2: APPROVED EQUIVALENT COURSES

- A. In **Table 9.2.2: Approved Equivalent Courses** SFT has identified the following equivalent courses.
- B. See **Acronym Glossary** for a complete list of provider acronyms.

Table 9.2.2: Approved Equivalent Courses

SFT Course	Approved Equivalent	Provider	Effective Dates
Confined Space Rescue Awareness	Confined Space Operations for First Responders	IAFF	
Fire Fighter Survival	Fire Ground Survival Operations*	IAFF	<u>9/13</u>
Hazardous Materials 1A	Hazardous Materials 1B	CSTI	
Hazardous Materials 1B	Hazardous Materials 1C	CSTI	
Hazardous Materials 1C	Hazardous Materials 1D	CSTI	
Hazardous Materials 1D	Hazardous Materials 1F	CSTI	
Hazardous Materials 1F	Hazardous Materials 1G	CSTI	
Hazardous Materials 1G	Hazardous Materials First Responder Awareness Level	CSTI	
Hazardous Materials First Responder Awareness	Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level	Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalEMA/CalOES), California Specialized Training Institute; or California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF/CAL FIRE); or State Fire Training (SFT), or IAFF	
Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational	Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational, Decontamination	CAL FIRE; or CSTI; or IAFF; or OER (certificate must state “with California Supplements”); or equivalent	
Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational, Decontamination	ICS 100 through 400	CSTI; or equivalent	

SFT Course	Approved Equivalent	Provider	Effective Dates
ICS 100 through 400	ICS 100 through 400	Cal EMA/Cal OES; or CAL FIRE; or FEMA; or FIRESCOPE; or NFA; or NWCG	

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