



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Incident Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors Diploma Implementation

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OVERVIEW

State Fire Training (SFT) provides the Incident Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors (ISAHV) course for hired vendors working with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) or the United States Forest Service (USFS) who plan to engage in wildland fire suppression and other incident support activities. Upon completion of the course, students are provided with Interagency Emergency Equipment Operator Cards that are valid for one year, which allows them to participate in these incidents.

DIPLOMA IMPLEMENTATION

Beginning on **January 1, 2024**, SFT will cease mailing out the physical cards to instructors and host agencies and instead transition to digital cards, aligning with the diploma issuance process for all other SFT courses. Students may log in to the SFT User Portal and print their card any time after the course has been processed. Shifting to the usage of digital cards will eliminate the \$100 duplicate card fee applicants pay when they lose their vendor cards.



QR CODE

A new feature included on the digital ISAHV cards is a QR code. The QR code will navigate to the [ISAHV Course Verification Database](#), allowing incident personnel to verify ISAHV validity and status.

COURSE VERIFICATION DATABASE

SFT provides an ISAHV course verification database to allow CAL FIRE and USFS personnel to verify the dates vendors completed their last ISAHV course. The database does not replace the requirement of hired equipment operators to present the physical Interagency Emergency Equipment Operator Card when requested at an incident. Review the [Incident Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors Course Verification Information Bulletin](#) for more information regarding this verification tool, or navigate to the [Incident Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors Course Verification Database](#).