



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Skills Coach

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OVERVIEW

A new Skills Coach position has been implemented to assist the Registered Primary Instructor with the Psychomotor skills practice within a CFSTES or FSTEP course. This is a separate classification from Registered Psychomotor Skills Evaluator. The CFSTES or FSTEP course plan will indicate if a Skills Coach can be used for course delivery. Additionally, the course plan will indicate the Student-to-Skills Coach ratio and/or the Registered Instructor/Fire Fighter Instructor to Skills Coach Ratio.

COURSE DELIVERY RESPONSIBILITIES

In 2019, SFT proposed the implementation of Skills Coach in three phases. These recommendations have been reviewed by the Steering Committee. The Skills Coach is in addition to the required Registered Instructors and supports curriculum delivery. Skills Coaches are optional, and not a required member of the cadre.

It shall be noted on each Course Plan that a Skills Coach cannot oversee or supervise students during high-risk operations. This includes but is not limited to open trench operations, high angle or rope rescue operations, live-fire operations, or swift water rescue.

CURRICULUM

The following curriculum has been reviewed and updated for the optional use of Skills Coach positions:

Courses	Recommended Ratios
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Fighter 1A: Structure Fire Fighter 1B: HazMat FRA/FRO Fire Fighter 1C: Wildland FF Vehicle Extrication 	<p><u>Instructor/Student Ratio:</u> Lecture: 1 primary instructor per 50 students</p> <p><u>Demonstrations:</u> 1 primary instructor per 50 students</p> <p><u>Activities/Skills:</u> 2 primary instructors + Enough skills coaches to maintain a 1:5 ratio of skills coach/student ratio</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Control 4 Firefighter Survival Rapid Intervention Crew Operations (RIC) 	<p><u>Instructor/Student Ratio:</u> Lecture: 1 primary instructor per 50 students</p> <p><u>Demonstrations:</u> 1 primary instructor per 50 students</p> <p><u>Activities/Skills:</u> 2 primary instructors + Enough primary instructors to maintain a 1:10 primary instructor/skills coach ratio + Enough skills coaches to maintain a 1:5 ratio of skills coach/student ratio</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescue Systems 1: Basic Rescue Skills Rescue Systems 2: Advanced Rescue Skills Rescue Systems 3: Structural Collapse Technician 	<p><u>Instructor/Student Ratio:</u> Lecture: 1 primary instructor per 12 students</p> <p><u>Demonstrations:</u> 1 primary instructor per 12 students</p> <p><u>Activities/Skills:</u> 1 primary instructor + enough primary instructors to maintain a 1:5 primary instructor/skills coach ratio + enough skills coaches to maintain a 1:5 ratio of skills coach/student ratio.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> River Flood Rescue Technician River Flood Rescue Boat Technician 	<p><u>Instructor/Student Ratio:</u> Lecture: 1 primary instructor per 24 students</p> <p><u>Demonstrations:</u> 1 primary instructor per 24 students</p> <p><u>Activities/Skills:</u> 1 primary instructor + enough primary instructors to maintain a 1:5 primary instructor/skills coach ratio + enough skills coaches to maintain a 1:5 ratio of skills coach/student ratio.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations Rope Rescue Technician 	<p><u>Instructor/Student Ratio:</u> Lecture: 1 primary instructor per 24 students</p> <p><u>Demonstrations:</u> 1 primary instructor per 24 students</p> <p><u>Low Angle Activities/Skills Only:</u> 1 primary instructor + enough primary instructors to maintain a 1:12 primary instructor/skills coach ratio + enough skills coaches to maintain a 1:5 ratio of skills coach/student ratio.</p>