

Firefighter Certification Levels I and II

Program Requirements

The instruction and evaluation given a Firefighter who achieves certification is critical to ensuring a quality program. Training and evaluation of students must be accomplished by qualified individuals, working in conjunction with approved delivery agencies.

Student Evaluation

Evaluation of the student for certification is a critical link in the total preparedness of the individual. Student evaluations must be accomplished by qualified Level II Instructors serving as proctors. The evaluation itself must be separate and distinct from the training process.

Practical Examination

Practical examinations are intended to measure the manipulative skills of the Firefighter and will follow guidelines set forth under the Policy for Testing manual. Although capable of testing 100% of the practical objectives, the examination will only test a pre-selected percentage based on testing scenarios provided to the proctor. A score of 70% or above shall constitute a passing grade for the candidate.

Written Examination

The written exam measures the cognitive skills of the Firefighter and must follow the guidelines set forth under the Policy for Testing manual. The examination will be randomly generated and provided to the evaluator by the delivery agency. A score of 70% or above shall constitute a passing grade for the candidate.

Reciprocity

Any Firefighter / Rescuer certified by another state or agency whose program is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC), or the National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro-Board), and is a member of a Fire/Rescue agency in North Carolina may be granted equivalent certification provided the agency was accredited at the time of his/her certification.

Recertification Requirements

To help insure that the firefighter maintains and enhances the skills acquired while gaining certification, he/she is obligated to meet certain requirements put in place by the North Carolina's Fireman's Association. These requirements can be obtained two different ways.

1. Recertification may be obtained by receiving 150 hours of firefighter training within the five-year period on subjects listed in NFPA 1001
2. Attending 36 hours of firefighter training within one fiscal year (this training must be approved by the firefighters sponsoring department)
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Prerequisite Classes

Hazardous-Materials Awareness and Hazardous-Materials Operations are both required to receive Firefighter Level 1 certification.