



# Course Equivalency and Recognition





# STATE FIRE TRAINING PROCEDURES MANUAL

## ELIGIBLE EQUIVALENT AND RECOGNIZED COURSES

### (A) OVERVIEW

Several agencies offer similar courses and are recognized by SFT: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), National Fire Academy (NFA), California State Training Institute (CSTI), International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), and Ongaard Emergency Resources, Inc. (OER).

### (B) CAL FIRE EQUIVALENT COURSES

The following courses taken through CAL FIRE are considered equivalent to SFT courses, and provide the student certification credit without having to repeat a similar SFT course.

CAL FIRE COURSE	EFFECTIVE DATES	SFT EQUIVALENT
Basic Fire Control (Beginning 10/05)		
Company Officer Academy (COA) .....beginning 10/05.....		Driver/Operator 1A, 1B, and Fire Command 1C
Company Officer Academy (COA) <b>and</b>		
Fire Fighter Academy (FFA) .....beginning 10/05.....		Fire Command 1A
Fire Fighter Academy (FFA) .....beginning 10/05.....		Fire Fighter I
Basic Fire Control (1/92 – 12/06)		
Driver/Operator Module.....1/92 – 9/96.....		Fire Investigation 1A
Driver/Operator Module.....1/92 – 3/01.....		Driver/Operator 1A and 1B
Fire Fighter Module.....1/92 – 3/01.....		Fire Fighter I
Modules 1B and 2B.....4/01 – 12/06.....		Fire Command 1A
Module 2A.....4/01 – 9/05.....		Driver/Operator 1A and 1B
Modules 1A, 1B, 2A, and 2B.....4/01 – 12/06.....		Fire Fighter I
Incident Management II.....1/89 – 10/93.....		Fire Command 2E
Incident Management III.....beginning 11/93.....		Fire Command 2E
Leadership Development.....1/00 – 12/04.....		Fire Management 1
Leadership Fundamentals.....1/00 – 12/06.....		Fire Management 1
Management Development.....1/00 – 12/04.....		Fire Management 2A
Management Development I.....through 11/93.....		Fire Management 1
Supervision 2.....beginning 7/93.....		Fire Management 1
Supervision 3.....beginning 7/93.....		Fire Management 1
Supervision 4.....beginning 7/93.....		Fire Management 2A
Supervision 5.....beginning 7/05.....		Fire Management 2E
Techniques of Supervision A.....through 6/93.....		Fire Management 1
Techniques of Supervision B.....through 6/93.....		Fire Management 2A

#### (1) Application.

##### (a) Course equivalency.

1. Submit a letter requesting equivalent credit and a copy of the CAL FIRE course completion certificate. *Transcripts or CFFJAC-issued certificates are not acceptable.*
2. Payment of the current course registration fee for each equivalent certificate requested.



- (c) Fire Fighter I.
  - 1. After training is completed and the experience requirement met, submit a completed Fire Fighter I application for certification form.
    - a. The Unit Chief or his/her authorized representative must sign this application.
  - 2. Payment of the current Fire Fighter I certification fee.
- (d) Your request will be reviewed upon receipt by SFT.

**(C) NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY EQUIVALENT COURSES**

The following courses taken at the National Fire Academy are considered equivalent to SFT courses, and provide the student certification credit without having to repeat a similar course from SFT.

NFA COURSE	SFT EQUIVALENT
(R102) Plans Review for Inspectors .....	Fire Prevention 3B
(R106) Fire Service Leadership/Communications ( <i>Retired</i> ) .....	Fire Management 1
(R107) Fire Service Communications .....	Fire Management 1
(R113) Fire Service Instructional Methodology ( <i>Retired</i> ) .....	Fire Instructor 1A and 1B
(R115) Introduction to Fire Safety Education ( <i>Retired</i> ) .....	Public Education 1
(R116) Presenting Effective Public Education Programs .....	Public Education 1
(R123) Executive Development .....	Fire Management 2A
(R125) Executive Leadership .....	Fire Management 2A
(R125) Fire Executive Development ( <i>Retired</i> ) .....	Fire Management 2A
(R125) Strategic Analysis of Executive Leadership ( <i>Retired</i> ) .....	Fire Management 2A
(R205) Fire/Arson Investigation .....	Fire Investigation 1A and 1B
(R208) Interviewing-Interrogation Techniques and Courtroom Testimony .....	Fire Investigation 2B
(R220) Fire Inspection Principles .....	Fire Prevention 1A and 1B
(R221) Fire Prevention Specialist I ( <i>Retired</i> ) .....	Fire Prevention 1A and 1B
(R222) Fire Prevention Specialist II ( <i>Retired</i> ) .....	Fire Prevention 2A
(R222) Principles of Fire Protection: Structures and Systems .....	Fire Prevention 2A
(R301) Command and Control of Initial Operations ( <i>Retired</i> ) .....	Fire Command 1A
(R304) Command & Control of Fire Department Major Operations ( <i>Retired</i> ) ..	Fire Command 2A
(R304) Command and Control of Fire Department Operations at Multi-Alarm Incidents .....	Fire Command 2A
(R306) Executive Analysis of Fire Service Operations in Emergency Management .....	Fire Command 2A
(R306) Strategic Analysis of Fire Department Operations ( <i>Retired</i> ) .....	Fire Command 2A
(R308) Command and Control of Fire Department Operations at Catastrophic Disasters ( <i>Retired</i> ) .....	Fire Command 2D
(R308) Command and Control of Fire Department Operations at Natural and Manmade Disasters .....	Fire Command 2D
(R332) Interpersonal Dynamics in Fire Service Organizations .....	Fire Management 2A
(R333) Fire Service Financial Management .....	Fire Management 2B
(R343 or R353) Community Education Leadership .....	Public Education 1
(R352 or R362) Developing Fire and Life Safety Strategies .....	Public Education 1

- (1) Application.
  - (a) Submit a letter requesting equivalent credit and a copy of the NFA course completion certificate.



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- (b) Payment of the current course registration fee for each equivalent certificate requested.
- (c) Your request will be reviewed upon receipt by SFT.

## (D) CALIFORNIA SPECIALIZED TRAINING INSTITUTE (CSTI) EQUIVALENT COURSES

The following courses taken at the California Specialized Training Institute are considered equivalent to SFT courses.

CSTI COURSE	SFT EQUIVALENT
Hazardous Materials 1A .....	Same
Hazardous Materials 1B .....	Same
Hazardous Materials 1C .....	Same
Hazardous Materials 1D .....	Same
Hazardous Materials 1F.....	Same
Hazardous Materials 1G.....	Same
Hazardous Materials First Responder Awareness Level .....	Same
Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level .....	Same
Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational, Decontamination .....	Same

- (1) CSTI course certificates are accepted without applying for equivalency or paying any additional fees.
- (2) Certification application.
  - (a) After training is completed and the experience requirement met, submit a completed Hazardous Materials Technician or Specialist application for certification form.
  - (b) Payment of the current Hazardous Materials Technician or Specialist certification fee.
  - (c) Your application will be reviewed upon receipt by SFT.

## (E) FIRE INSTRUCTOR 1A AND 1B EQUIVALENT COURSES

The following are considered equivalent to Fire Instructor 1A and 1B courses, and provide the student certification credit without having to repeat a similar course from SFT.

TITLE	SFT EQUIVALENT
Valid Community College Teaching Credential .....	Fire Instructor 1A and 1B
UC/CSU 60-hour Techniques of Teaching.....	Fire Instructor 1A and 1B
NFA Fire Service Instructional Methodology.....	Fire Instructor 1A and 1B
Four upper division units of educational methods, materials, curriculum development.....	Fire Instructor 1A and 1B

- (1) Application.
  - (a) Submit a letter requesting equivalent credit and a copy of your credential, completion certificate, or transcripts for upper division units.
  - (b) Payment of the current course registration fee for each equivalent certificate requested.
  - (c) Your request will be reviewed upon receipt by SFT.



## (F) FIRST RESPONDER OPERATIONAL EQUIVALENT COURSES

The following agencies offer First Responder Operational courses that meet the prerequisite for attending the Hazardous Materials Technician courses.

- (1) California Department of Forestry (CAL FIRE).
- (2) California State Training Institute (CSTI).
- (3) International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF).
- (4) Oguard Emergency Resources, Inc. (OER).
  - (a) Certificate must state "*with California Supplements.*"
- (5) These certificates are accepted without applying for equivalency or paying any additional fees.

## (G) CONFINED SPACE RESCUE AWARENESS EQUIVALENT COURSES

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) course, *Confined Space Operations for First Responders* is considered equivalent to Confined Space Rescue Awareness course.

This certificate is accepted by SFT without applying for equivalency or paying any additional fees.