



# FIRE FIGHTER 1 & FIRE FIGHTER 2 (2019) Certification & Curriculum Implementation Plan

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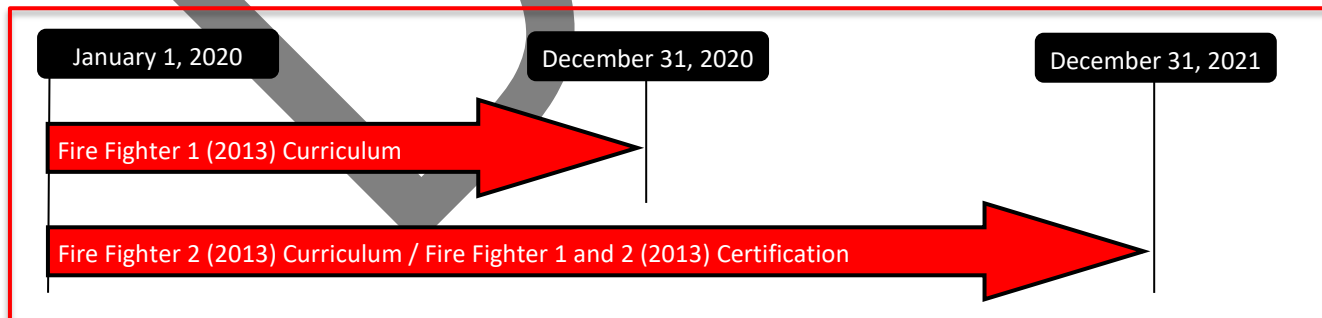
## OVERVIEW

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the new Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) curriculum and certification requirements. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

The Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) curriculum and certification requirements will be phased in for the California Fire Service Training and Education System. New Certification Training Standards (CTS) along with four (4) Course Plans have been developed based on current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards which includes NFPA 1001, Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2019); NFPA 1051, Wildland Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2016); NFPA 1072, Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications (2017). In addition, the mandates of California Law (Cal-OSHA CCR Title 8, Article 108 §5157) were incorporated in to the course curriculum. The CTS and Course Plans will be available on the SFT website.

## FIRE FIGHTER 1 (2013) AND FIRE FIGHTER 2 (2013) RETIREMENT

SFT recognizes that many candidates are vested in the Fire Fighter 1 (2013) and Fire Fighter 2 (2013) Certification track and, therefore, the existing Fire Fighter 1 (2013) and Fire Fighter 2 (2013) curriculum and certification requirements will be available for those candidates during the transition period. Candidates entering the certification system should enroll in the new Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) courses and comply with the new Fire Fighter (2019) certification requirements.



### **Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Curriculum Retirement ..... December 31, 2020**

Effective January 1, 2021, Fire Fighter 1 (2013) curriculum will be retired from the SFT course catalog and no longer available.



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**Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Certification Retirement ..... December 31, 2021**  
Effective January 1, 2022, Fire Fighter 1 (2013) certification will no longer be supported by SFT and will be retired. Candidates who do not apply before this date, will need to seek the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) certification.

**Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Task Book and Experience Changes..... Available January 1, 2020**  
SFT is bringing the Fire Fighter 1 (2013) certification requirements in alignment with the Fire Fighter 1 (2019). This will allow candidates who are enrolled in a Fire Fighter 1 academy to become eligible for certification upon graduation.

- Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Task Book will no longer be required for Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Certification. A completed Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Task Book will be required to be on file with SFT for candidates to apply for Fire Fighter 2 (2013) certification.
  - Candidates applying for Fire Fighter 2 (2013) certification who have already submitted a Fire Fighter 1 Task Book for certification, will not have to resubmit their Fire Fighter 1 Task Book. They will only be required to submit a completed Fire Fighter 2 Task book.
  - Candidates who applied for Fire Fighter 1 (2013) certification, and did not submit a Task Book to SFT, will be required to submit a Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Task Book and Fire Fighter 2 (2013) Task Book.
- The in-service experience requirement associated with Fire Fighter 1 (2013) certification is now deferred to Fire Fighter 2 (2013). Fire Fighter 2 experience requires either on year full-time or two years part-time/volunteer work employment

**Fire Fighter 2 (2013) Curriculum Retirement ..... December 31, 2021**  
Effective January 1, 2022, Fire Fighter 2 (2013) curriculum will be retired from the SFT course catalog and no longer available.

**Fire Fighter 2 (2013) Certification Retirement ..... December 31, 2021**  
Effective January 1, 2022, Fire Fighter 2 (2013) certification will no longer be supported by SFT and will be retired. Candidates who do not apply before this date, will need to seek the Fire Fighter (2019) certification, which requires the Fire Fighter 2 Certification Exams (psychomotor and cognitive).

**Fire Fighter 2 Pro Board / IFSAC Upgrade ..... Available January 1, 2020**  
The Fire Fighter 2 upgrade program is intended for California certified Fire Fighters who have received Fire Fighter 2 certification under previous editions and are now looking to upgrade their state certification to Pro Board/IFSAC certification. Candidates will be required to complete the Fire Fighter 2 (2019) Certification Exams (psychomotor and cognitive).



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## **FIRE FIGHTER 1 (2019) AND FIRE FIGHTER 2 (2019) IMPLEMENTATION**

**Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019)..... Effective January 1, 2020**

New Certification Training Standard (CTS) and Course Plans has been developed based on current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards which includes NFPA 1001: Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2019), NFPA 1051: Wildland Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2016), and NFPA 1072: Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications (2017). The CTS and Course Plans will be available on the SFT website.

**Fire Fighter 1 and 2 (2019) Curriculum..... Available January 1, 2020**

Fire Fighter 1A	Structure	(264 hours)
Fire Fighter 1B	Hazardous Materials/WMD	(24 hours)
Fire Fighter 1C	Wildland	(56 hours)
CSRA	Confined-Space Rescue Awareness	(8 hours)
Fire Fighter 2A	Structure	(48 hours)

Note: These hours identify the instructor-student contact hours (cognitive domain) and do not include the practice-drill hours (psychomotor). Testing hours are not included in this table. It is important to consider that safe and efficient skill delivery by fire fighter candidates can only be mastered with extensive practice (sets & reps) in the academy.

**Course Prerequisite..... Effective January 1, 2020**

Public Safety First-Aid and BLS Healthcare Provider/AED CPR (minimum) as defined by California Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.182 is a prerequisite since Fire Fighter I (2013). This will be required to be verified by the host agency.

**Course Corequisites ..... Effective January 1, 2020**

Course corequisites are now identified in the respective course plans.

### **Certification Exam:**

All candidates seeking Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) certification will be required to complete the applicable State Certification Exams (psychomotor and cognitive). Candidates seeking Fire Fighter 2 certification who do not want to complete the Fire Fighter 2 State Certification Exams, should seek the Fire Fighter 2 (2013) certification prior to its retirement.



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## **Fire Fighter Task Books:**

Fire Fighter 1 (2019) will not have a Task Book required for certification. The Fire Fighter 2 (2019) certification task book incorporates the job performance requirements (JPRs) for Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019).

A Fire Fighter 1 Training Record will be required to be completed by AHJs in order to provide a complete and thorough record of JPRs or skills being delivered by the AHJ. Copies of the Fire Fighter 1 Training Records must be provided to the candidate for their personal file. The Fire Fighter 1 Training Record shall be maintained in accordance with the SFT Procedures Manual.

## **Experience Requirement:**

Fire Fighter 1 (2019) certification does not have an experience requirement. The Fire Fighter 2 (2019) certification experience requirement is now requires either on six months full-time or one years part-time/volunteer work employment

## **INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS**

Instructors for Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) courses must meet the SFT requirements for Fire Fighter Instructor (State Fire Training Procedures Manual, January 2019, Section 6.6). Instructors must have appropriate education and practical experience relating to the specific course content. In addition, the following apply:

### **Confined Space Rescue Awareness Course:**

The Confined Space Rescue Awareness must be delivered as an SFT registered course. The course must be delivered by an approved Registered SFT Primary Instructor for Confined Space Rescue Awareness. This is to meet California Law (Cal-OSHA CCR Title 8, Article 108 §5157).

### **Fire Fighter Survival Course:**

The Fire Fighter Survival Course can be delivered as an SFT registered course utilizing an approved Registered SFT Primary Instructor for Fire Fighter Survival. Registered courses will have FSTEP course completion diplomas issued to students. Alternatively, the course can be delivered as an unregistered course utilizing an SFT Fire Fighter Instructor. These courses will not be issued FSTEP course completion diplomas. Students will not be eligible for course equivalency or instructor equivalency.

## **POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS**

Fire agencies or educational delivery programs desiring to implement the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) curriculum need to review the new Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) curriculum and certification requirements to be sure that all agency training needs are being met. After review, Fire Agencies and educational delivery programs should update their job specifications, recruitment documentation, and any associated course materials to reflect these new courses and certification requirements.