

ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE AND
PERSONNEL STANDARDS COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 360-X-2
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER

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360-X-2-.01 Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter

(1) Entrance Requirements

(a) Prior to entering the certification course, the candidate shall meet the Entrance Requirements set out in NFPA 1001, *Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, as adopted by the Commission which shall be met by the following:

1. The candidate must have on file with the Commission a Physical Statement (AFC & PSC Form 05) from a licensed practicing physician or such designee.
2. The candidate must be able to read, write and communicate the English language.
3. The candidate must be a minimum age of 18 years.
4. The candidate must have successfully completed emergency medical care training that included infection control, CPR, bleeding control and shock management.

(2) Certification Requirements

(a) Prior to certification, the candidate shall meet the general knowledge, skill, performance and additional requirements for Fire Fighter Level I as set out in NFPA 1001, *Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, as adopted by the Commission.

(b) Prior to certification, the candidate shall be a-certified to Hazardous Materials: Awareness and Operations.

(3) Minimum number of training hours

(a) A candidate for this level of certification shall have completed 160 hours of training during a period not exceeding twenty-four (24) months, the format and curriculum of which shall be approved by the Commission.

(4) Instructor Requirements

(a) This course must be taught by an instructor who has been certified and approved by the Commission as a Fire Instructor.

(5) Course Description

(a) This course consists of specific knowledge and skill objectives as identified in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards & Education Commission Curriculum for Volunteer Fire Fighter, current edition.

(6) Examinations

(a) Course Assessments

1. The instructor shall administer to the candidate a written test prepared and distributed to the instructor by the Commission at the end of each subject area of the course. The candidate must achieve a minimum of 70% on each end-of-subject examination.

2. The instructor shall train and assess each job performance requirement (JPR) during the course.

(b) State Certification Examinations

1. State certification examinations for Level I will be administered by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards & Education Commission.

(i) Cognitive Examination

(I) Cognitive examinations for Level I shall be conducted in-person and under the supervision of Alabama Fire College approved test proctors/evaluators.

(II) An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

(ii) Skills Examination

(I) Skills examinations for Level I shall be conducted in-person and under the supervision of Alabama Fire College approved test proctors/evaluators and assessed on a pass/fail basis.

(II) Two skill attempts are allowed on initial skills test day and re-tests may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of the date of course completion.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days of the date of the original examination for state certification and within 12 months of course completion.

(7) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the performance requirements necessary to perform the duties of a Volunteer Fire Fighter.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify the minimum job performance requirements for a Volunteer Fire Fighter. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these requirements.

(c) General

1. Each performance objective shall be performed safely, competently, and in its entirety.

2. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

3. The candidate shall meet all of the objectives for Volunteer Fire Fighter before being certified at that level.

(8) Objectives

(a) The objectives of this standard are based on the ability of the Volunteer Fire Fighter to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards & Education Commission Curriculum for Volunteer Fire Fighter, current edition.

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