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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE
OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 360

Department or Agency: Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards
Commission

Rule No.: 360-X-7-.02

Rule Title: Certified Fire Apparatus Operator: Pumper

Intended Action Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or
endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police
power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available
that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly
increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm
that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the
purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the
protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any
litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject
matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be
accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section
41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance
with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it
conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure
Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

David M. Russell
Matt Russell

Date

Monday, July 20, 2026

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JUL 20, 2026
LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY

ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE AND PERSONNEL STANDARDS COMMISSION

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME:

Alabama Fire College Personnel Standards and
Education Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE:

360-X-7-.02 Certified Fire Apparatus Operator:
Pumper

INTENDED ACTION:

Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The proposed amendment would expand eligibility for the Certified Fire Apparatus Operator: Pumper certification by recognizing Certified Fire Support Person as an additional prerequisite pathway. A candidate qualifying through this pathway would also be required to possess a valid driver's license, successfully complete the Emergency Vehicle Driver course, and satisfy all applicable training, examination, and certification requirements established by the Commission.

The amendment creates a purposeful and progressive training pathway for volunteer fire department members who may not wish to undertake the full rigor and time commitment of the Firefighter 160 program. This pathway allows volunteer members to advance through a structured sequence of training that may include Fire Support Person, Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Vehicle Driver, and ultimately Fire Apparatus Operator: Pumper.

Together, these certifications provide a meaningful educational track that prepares volunteers to perform valuable operational and support functions within their departments. Providing a practical alternative to the full firefighter certification pathway will help departments improve volunteer recruitment and retention, increase member engagement, strengthen operational capacity, and enable trained volunteers to make productive and measurable contributions to the safety and well-being of their communities.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Interested persons may present their views orally or in writing to the Director of the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards & Education Commission, 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405, at any time from July 31, 2026 through October 21, 2026.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

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(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Fire Fighter I, Certified Fire Support Person, or Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter.

(b) The candidate must possess a valid driver's license.

(c) The candidate must successfully complete the Emergency Vehicle Driver course.

(d) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required to perform the duties of an Apparatus Operator: Pumper.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements of professional competence required for service as an Apparatus Operator: Pumper.

1. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

2. This standard shall cover the requirements for operators of fire department pumpers.

(c) General

1. The candidate shall meet all of the requirements for this standard before being certified as an Apparatus Operator: Pumper.

2. Each performance objective for the Apparatus Operator: Pumper shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.

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

(3) Objectives

(a) The objectives of this course are based on the ability of the Apparatus Operator: Pumper to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Fire Apparatus Operator: Pumper, current edition.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§36-32-1 thru 36-32-12.

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