



**ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE  
AND PERSONNEL STANDARDS COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE: 360-X-2-.02 Certified Fire Fighter I

INTENDED ACTION: Revision of Certification Standards for Fire Service Personnel

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

To revise certification standards for the indicated level of training for fire service personnel.

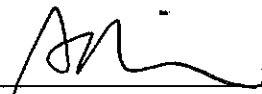
TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views orally or in writing to the Director of the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission, 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405, at any time from February 29, 2016 through April 26, 2016.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Comments will be accepted until the close of the public hearing on the matter on April 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 360-X-2  
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER

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360-X-2-.02 Certified Fire Fighter I.

(1) Requirements

(a) Fire Fighter I certification courses may only be conducted at a permanent Fire Training Center approved by the Commission.

(b) This course has a minimum initial enrollment of eight (8) candidates.

(c) 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.

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

(e) The candidate must have a high school diploma or GED.

(f) The candidate must meet the requirements for certification prior to permanent employment or a period not exceeding 12 months after the date of employment at an approved training center.

(g) Minimum age requirement is 18 years.

(h) Prior to certification, the candidate shall be a Certified Hazardous Materials First Responder: Awareness and Operations. Training hours required for this certification may be included in the Fire Fighter I/II curriculum.

(i) Prior to entering the certification course, the candidate shall provide proof of successful completion of a course of first aid instruction equivalent to or exceeding the requirements of NFPA 1001, current edition.

(j) Minimum number of training hours.

1. A candidate for this level of certification shall have completed 360 hours of training, excluding any hours of training in emergency medical services, the format and curriculum of which shall be approved by the Commission.

2. The Fire Fighter I certification course shall be conducted ~~over a period of not less than forty-five (45) training days with attendance required eight (8) hours per day, five (5) days per week (weekends and holidays excepted)~~ in an academy format and according to a schedule that is approved by the Commission and which shall include the following elements:

(a) Instruction and evaluation shall occur in a group setting with at least the required minimum number of students as prescribed in this chapter.

(b) The course shall be conducted within a twelve month time period.

(c) Instruction shall predominantly be provided to candidates in-person. Self-paced, correspondence or predominantly distance-delivery instruction is not permitted. In all cases, an approved instructor shall be physically present and responsible for the course.

(d) Skills evaluation shall be conducted in-person and under the supervision of approved test proctors.

(e) During periods of instruction or evaluation, candidates shall be engaged solely in the educational process and shall not be subject to emergency response, administrative, maintenance, or other tasks or duties not related to the course.

3. Current Certified Volunteer Fire Fighters may be certified as Fire Fighter I/II following the completion of the Bridge Certification Course as set forth in 360-X-2-.04.

(k) Instructor Requirements.

1. This course must be taught by an instructor who has been certified by the Commission as a Fire Instructor.

(l) Course Description.

1. This course consists of specific knowledge and skill objectives as identified in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Fire Fighter I, current edition.

(m) Examination

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 perform successfully on each subject area examination.

2. The practical skills identified in the Teaching Outline for this level of training should be utilized by the candidate and by the instructor to prepare the candidate to the level required to meet competency standards identified in the Teaching Outline as specified levels of excellence and/or timed evaluations.

3. There will be an examination for state certification provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

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

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

(2) Administration.

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

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify the minimum job performance requirements for a Fire Fighter I. 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 fire fighter shall meet all of the objectives for Fire Fighter I before being certified at that level.

(3) Objectives. The objectives of this standard are based on the ability of the Certified Fire Fighter I to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Fire Fighter I, current edition.

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

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