



## State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas

Texas Volunteer Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Certification Board

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# Certification Board Workshop

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The Texas Volunteer Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Certification Board strongly supports training for firefighters, especially that which promotes safety of the firefighter. We believe that training should be based upon accepted curricula and should be documented and verifiable through testing.

Since the Certification Board last made substantive changes to the Program eighteen (18) years ago, the Board met to discuss possible revisions to strengthen the program bringing it into compliance with NFPA 1001 Firefighter I & II.

We believe that given the opportunity, encouragement, and resources to train that most volunteers will eagerly seize that opportunity.

To that end, we strongly support volunteers being given the opportunity to train and are encouraged to do so through the following:

- Expanded training programs carried out through the local fire department, TEEX, The Texas Forest Service and Community Colleges.
- Enhanced existing programs to fund training and certification fees.