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# Navigating the SFFMA Certification Program



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Do you find yourself lost in the process of handling your department's participation in a certification program? The certification staff in the Austin office of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas provides this document to help you navigate through the most common problems.

We have taken the most frequently provided answers from the last 10 years and compiled them into a single resource. In addition, we are sharing some of our tips for avoiding processing and review delays.

For best results, save a copy of this file to your department's computer, then you may search for specific terms at any time.

If you find this information helpful, please share a copy with your neighboring fire departments.



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## Available Certifications by Program:

### Firefighting

    Introductory (subset of Firefighter I)

    Firefighter I & II (Testing)

    Wildland Fire Fighting

    Master Firefighter

### Education/Instructional

    Instructor

    Public Fire Educator

### Investigation/Prevention

    Fire Inspector

    Fire/Arson Investigator

### Management/Supervision

    Fire Officer

    Incident Safety Officer

    Public Information Officer

### Operations

    Driver/Operator

### Support

    Support Personnel

    Public Safety Telecommunicator

### Rescue

    Rescue Apprentice

    Machinery Rescue

    Rope Rescue

    Structural Collapse Rescue

    Surface Water Rescue

    Swiftwater Rescue

    Trench Rescue

    Vehicle Rescue

    Wilderness Rescue

Participation in the SFFMA Certification Program is *not* a membership requirement, but *is* highly recommended. Benefits of participation include, but are not limited to, the following:

**For the department:** increased availability of state and federal grant money.

**For the individual:** volunteer firefighter license plates, a career track to full-time employment, and waiver of tuition/fees toward a degree in Fire Science.

**For the community:** a possible reduction in homeowners' insurance rates through improved ISO rating.

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The board realizes that your department's members have other responsibilities and demands on their time. For this reason, the program allows an individual to spread the training over an extended period of time, rather than taking leave to attend a full-time training.

### Getting Started:

The first step toward participation is for the department to name a Certification Coordinator. This individual serves as a contact at the department for certification issues. An eligible candidate is at least 18 years of age, maintains active SFFMA individual membership, and trains a minimum of 20 hours per year.

To maintain the integrity of the Certification Program and avoid any questions of impropriety, the department's fire chief cannot also serve in this position. This rule ensures a minimum of two department representatives verify and sign all submitted documentation.

For faster processing, fax the completed application, signed by the fire chief and applicant, to the Austin office at 512.453.1876. The Austin staff then emails the applicant immediate access to the SFFMA Online database and an invoice for the processing fee. Once the Austin staff receives the fee, they update the department's record and issues a coordinator certificate.

A department can reinstate a previously certified coordinator without application or fees as long as he or she was not provisionally certified. The fire chief must submit (fax or email is accepted) a reinstatement request on department letterhead.

### Getting Started:

## Coordinator Requirements

Full coordinator certification requires firefighter and instructional coursework requirements, but a department just starting in the Certification Program can name a coordinator provisionally. Provisional status grants the applicant five years to compile and submit the necessary documentation for the full requirements.

The full coordinator requirements are:

- 1) at least SFFMA Firefighter I certification (or Accredited Intermediate Firefighter issued prior to January 1, 2014); AND
- 2) an approved instructional course.

When the certification office receives the required documentation, they will automatically remove the provisional status and issue full certification.

Additional application and fees are *not* required.

### Coordinator Duties:

- Serve as an information source within the department
- Serve as a contact point regarding certification for the Austin staff
- Maintain training records for the department (page 12)
- Properly complete and submit all applications for certifications (page 7)
- Attend required Certification Workshops on a timely basis (page 10)
- Submit annual Progress Report (training summary) to the Austin office (page 12)

*Getting Started:***Training Credit**

As long as the training covers the objectives of the SFFMA Certification Program, each of the following options credits toward certification.

- Training through a regularly organized fire department
- Training through any state or federal agency (including all branches of the military, as well as TEEEX-ESTI)
- Training through an accredited college or university
- Training from an instructor with SFFMA or TCFP Instructor I (or higher) certification
- Training from uniquely qualified individuals

On this last option, a “uniquely qualified individual” must have the approval of the department’s fire chief and certification coordinator. An example would be a manufacturer representative providing vehicle familiarization training.

*Getting Started:*

**Application Processing**

When an application arrives in the Austin office, certification staff members log the submission. They also process any accompanying payments, and mail a receipt back to the department.

The application is entered in line for processing in date-received order. **The program suggests departments allow 30-60 days for processing due to seasonal spikes in submission rates.** The actual time required is generally less than 30 days, and arrangements can be made in special circumstances.

Coordinators can report in-house training with a department-created course completion certificate. This type of certificate must include the completion date and instructor signature.

**Save time and processing fees:**

Coordinators can verify whether coursework documentation is acceptable before application by faxing or emailing to the Austin office. The certification staff can review and notify if there is a problem with the documentation. This process can save headaches and miscommunication.



*Getting Started:*

## **Application Processing (continued)**

For every application submitted for processing, a certification staff member will verify the following:

- 1) Payment of department's membership
- 2) Payment of applicant's individual membership
- 3) Payment of coordinator's individual membership
- 4) Payment of processing fee (As of January 1, 2015 all fees are \$25)
- 5) Proper signatures
- 6) Coordinator has met workshop attendance requirement
- 7) Submission of annual training summary (due the first January after beginning participation)
- 8) All required applicant information
- 9) Proper documentation of training

Check the status of each of these items before filing any application to ensure quick processing. The department's fire chief and certification coordinator can verify most personal information from the department profile page of the SFFMA Online program.

*Getting Started:*

### **Application Processing (continued)**

If a problem arises with any of the listed items, a certification staff member will contact the department's coordinator via email for quick correction. Any submitted applications not immediately issued are maintained on hold until the coordinator makes the necessary corrections or clarifications.

If the application meets all requirements, the certification staff will issue a certificate and (if offered) a rocker patch. The staff will also save a digital copy of the application, documentation, and certificate to the applicant's record and update the database to reflect the certification.

The Austin office maintains records for certifications issued since the beginning of the program in 1975. To verify issuance of a certification, contact the certification department at the Austin office (see page 1).

*Participation Requirements:*

**Certification Workshops**

Workshops are open to anyone interested in learning more about the program. Attendance is highly recommended for anyone interested in becoming a coordinator. The guidelines of the program require all coordinators to attend workshops as continuing education.

Provisionally certified coordinators must attend a workshop every year. Once fully certified, the requirement is only every other year. Verify attendance due dates from the display on the department page of SFFMA Online.

To locate a workshop in your area, check the Event Calendar maintained at [www.SFFMA.org](http://www.SFFMA.org). If no workshops are immediately available, contact your zone representative. This person is a certified firefighter named by and living in your area of the state (see page 11).

A coordinator's first workshop must occur in person with a certification board representative. If necessary, coordinators can request an online workshop from a certification staff member in the Austin office. Every other workshop can be handled online.

*Getting Started:*

## **Certification Board**

The Program is developed and maintained by The Texas Volunteer Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Certification Board. These individuals live in and represent 19 geographic zones across the state. Zone representatives are unpaid and volunteer their time to attend meetings and provide workshops. Additionally, two voting liaison positions are reserved for TEEEX-Emergency Services Training Institute and Texas A&M Forest Service.

To serve on the board, a nominee must have served a minimum of eight years in the fire service and hold at least an SFFMA NFPA 1001: Firefighter I certification. District firefighter associations submit nominations to the SFFMA president or executive director. Appointment terms run in four-year intervals, with the president filling any unexpired terms.

To maintain participation on the board, members must attend a majority of the meetings each year and ensure participation of their department.

Each zone representative can have two assistants. These individuals must meet the same residency requirements as a full board member, although it is preferable that they live outside of the same county as the zone representative.

## Participation Requirements:

### Progress Reports

To verify that a department holds continuous training and correctly maintains its records, the coordinator must submit a training summary on an annual basis.

Reports are due each year by January 31 for all firefighting training earned up through the previous year. The January 31 deadline allows the fire department at least one full month after the last training session of the year to submit the report. A department can submit reports after the deadline, but may be charged a flat \$25 late fee. The delay can significantly postpone issuance of certifications filed after the due date.

The report should include everyone in the department who held individual *SFFMA membership* for the report year. New department members who did not join SFFMA during the year *will* receive credit for training, but their training is not included until the following year's report. The fire chief and coordinator must also submit a signature page attesting that the submitted records are complete and accurate.

When both the report and signature page arrive in the Austin office, a certification staff member logs in the submission. They will then review reports in date-received order to verify the following:

- 1) Department membership dues paid for the report year
- 2) Department membership dues paid for the submit year
- 3) Individual dues paid for anyone included on the report
- 4) Full legal name, birth date and last four digits of Social Security Number submitted for anyone included on the report
- 5) Report is alphabetized by full legal name

*Fire Fighting:***NFPA 1403-compliant Introductory Fire Fighting Training Completion**

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*Fire Fighting:*

**NFPA 1001: Firefighter I & II Certification**

The Certification Program offers full *NFPA 1001: Firefighter I & II* certifications upon completion of the required training objectives and passing of written and skills examinations. To be clear on this point, the training provided through the SFFMA program covers the same material as a TCFP full-time firefighter academy.

As of January 1, 2015 firefighter certification requires written and skill evaluations to verify an applicant's proficiency and knowledge.

When the Austin office certification staff approves a Firefighter I or II application, they issue a letter stating that the individual must then challenge full Firefighter I or II written and skills exams.

To challenge the Firefighter II exams, the individual must complete all training *and* successfully challenge the Firefighter I exams.

*Fire Fighting:***NFPA 1001: Firefighter I & II Certification (Continued)***Written exams:*

At any time, a certification staff member can provide a list of everyone qualified to challenge the written exam.

As of January 1, 2015 written examinations are proctored through TEEEX-ESTI and full listing of dates and locations is available on the SFFMA website.

Eligibility determination and enrollment for written testing sessions is handled through the Austin office.

At the testing session, the proctor verifies identity from a photo ID and gives the sealed exam to the individual challenging the exam. The exam for Firefighter I consists of 100 multiple guess questions covering material from the Introductory and Firefighter I levels of the Certification Program. The exam for Firefighter II consists of 75 questions covering material solely from the Firefighter II portion of the Certification Program.

When finished, the individual reseals the exam and gives the sealed envelope back to the proctor. All exams are returned to the TEEEX office for scoring – proctors do not score examinations on-site. TEEEX will inform the SFFMA Austin Office of grades. A passing score is 70 percent, and only a result of “pass” or “fail” is issued from the Austin office.

The Austin certification staff reports the exam results to the department and makes notation of successful scores on the individual’s record.



*Fire Fighting:***NFPA 1001: Firefighter I & II Certification (Continued)***Skill exams:*

The department's Certification Coordinator must contact the Austin office at [certification@sffma.org](mailto:certification@sffma.org) to set up a skill exam date at minimum **three days** in the future.

Austin staff will verify the eligibility of the Lead Evaluator and e-mail all of the necessary documentation (procedural documents, exam eligibility roster(s), and three random skills per level) to him/her two days ahead of the scheduled date. Austin staff will also notify the Zone Representative to verify the scheduling of the examination. Zone Representatives have the option, but not the requirement, to observe skill exams.

At the testing session, the exam coordinator provides exam documents to the Station Evaluator, who then proceeds to administer the individual skill exam. The exam for Firefighter I consists of three skills chosen from the Firefighter I level, including 1403: Introductory, of the Certification Program (one skill required from SCBA). The exam for Firefighter II consists of three skills chosen from the Firefighter II level of the Certification Program.

When finished, the exam coordinator faxes or e-mails all of the documentation to the Austin office to record the grades. The Austin certification staff reports the exam results to the department, makes a notation of successful scores on the individual's record, and retains a digital copy of exam session documentation.

*Fire Fighting:***NFPA 1001: Firefighter I & II Certification (Continued)***Certification Issuance:*

When the Austin certification staff receives documentation that an individual has passed both the written and skills exam, they issue a full NFPA 1001: Firefighter I or II certificate along with a rocker patch. The staff also notates on the individual's record the certificate was issued, and retain a digital copy on file.

## Fire Fighting:

### NFPA 1001: Firefighter I & II Certification (Continued)

#### Transfer Credits:

The SFFMA Certification Program allows for simplified transition of credits from other states and agencies.

#### Completion of Firefighter objectives:

- *NFPA 1001: Firefighter I* – Coordinator can credit as completing all objectives for Modules 1 through 3.
- *NFPA 1001: Firefighter II* – Coordinator can credit as completing all objectives for Module 4.
- TCFP firefighter academy – Coordinator can credit as completing all objectives for Modules 1 through 4.

Please note that in order to receive certificates, the department must submit applications for all of the levels at which the individual is not already certified by SFFMA, not just the highest.

#### Credit for Firefighter testing:

- IFSAC or ProBoard Firefighter I – Provide a copy of certificate with application form and the Austin office will automatically issue full Firefighter I certification.
- IFSAC or ProBoard Firefighter II – Provide a copy of certificate with application form and the Austin office will automatically issue full Firefighter I *and* II certification.
- TCFP Basic exam or certificate – Provide a copy of certificate with application form and the Austin office will automatically issue full Firefighter I *and* II certification.

Fire Fighting:

**Wildland Fire Fighting**

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

SFFMA:

*Wildland Fire Fighting Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

National Wildland Coordinating Group (all portions):

**Classroom-based** training for *S-130: Firefighter Training*

**Classroom-based** training for *S-190: Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior Systems*

**Classroom-based** training for *L-180: Human Factors on the Fireline*

**Classroom-based** training for *I-100: Introduction to Incident Command System*

Documentation indicating online coursework completion **DOES NOT** meet the requirements of the certification.

Texas A&M Forest Service:

*Wildland Fire Fighting course (or equivalent)*

**Note:** This does not include *Basic/Intermediate Ground Cover*

## Fire Fighting:

### Master Firefighter

The certification board reserves issuance of Master Firefighter certification to select few individuals. Candidates must not only demonstrate a commitment to the fire service (minimum of 10 years), but also to continued advancement in their training.

An applicant must hold a full *SFFMA Firefighter II* certificate (or *Accredited Advanced Firefighter* issued before January 1, 2012). Those individuals with TCFP Firefighter certification *must* transition the training to the SFFMA program (see Page 13).

Training is divided into six categories:

1. Medical
2. Management/Supervision Operations
3. Rescue/Hazardous Materials
4. Fire Prevention
5. Educational/Instructional
6. Other

To demonstrate a well-rounded education, applicants must complete a minimum of 40 hours of training in five of the categories. Additionally, applicants must also complete an overall minimum of 400 training hours. Only 40 hours of each course can apply toward the certification. For example, “Information Management System” is an 80-hour course, but only 40 hours counts as credit toward certification.

**HELPFUL HINT:** To ensure full credit for training, break documentation into the constituent parts. For example, rather than submitting a Fire Inspector certificate that can only count up to 40 hours, use the Inspector I, Inspector II, and Plans Examiner course completion certificates that will total over 40 hours combined.

*Fire Fighting:*

**Master Firefighter**

*Credit:*

Most training outside of *NFPA 1001: Firefighter I & II* credits toward Master Firefighter. With few exceptions, training credited toward issuance of certifications in the remainder of this document also credits toward Master Firefighter certification.

SFFMA maintains a list of example courses that count toward Master Firefighter on the certification page of the website

([www.sffma.org/certification.html](http://www.sffma.org/certification.html)). This is by no means a complete list, but serves to indicate the type of courses acceptable toward these categories.

**The final decision of acceptance rests with the certification board.**

Those individuals with TCFP Master Firefighter certification may provide a copy of the certificate in place of documenting all courses on page 2 of the application, but *must* meet all other requirements including prerequisite certifications.

*Fire Fighting:***Master Firefighter***Application:*

To speed up the review process, first gather all training completion certificates for consideration toward the Master Firefighter certification. Next, review each certificate and disregard any “attendance” certificates, and any that lack an instructor signature. Your zone representative can verify any questionable certificates.

Divide the certificates by category and compile a list showing the course name, date and credit hours. Provide this full list along with copies of the certificates to your zone representative for initial review. He or she can help determine any problem areas before submitting the application for official review.

Submit the fully completed application, course list and copies of certificates to the Austin office along with the \$30 processing fee. The certification board individually reviews and votes to approve each application submitted for consideration. This level of scrutiny lengthens the usual processing time to a possible six months.

Education:

**NFPA 1041: Instructor I**

*NFPA 1041: Standard for Fire Service Instructor*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. Applicants must have served a minimum of three years in the fire service, not just within the current department. Instructor I certification allows holder to provide training at any of our member departments.

The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA

“Fire Instructor I” or higher as defined by NFPA 1041

American Heart Association:

Core Instructor Coursework (40 hours)

Texas Commission on Fire Protection:

Instructor I or higher

OTHER:

Methods of Teaching for the Fire Service

Bachelor’s Degree in *any field*

Texas Teaching Certification (teaching certifications from other states must receive board approval)

**Note:** Instructional Techniques for Company Officers no longer accepted for this certification

**AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for:

- *at least* Firefighter I certification (must pass exams)



Education:

**NFPA 1041: Instructor II**

*NFPA 1041: Standard for Fire Service Instructor*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. Applicants must have served a minimum of three years in the fire service, not just within the current department. Instructor II certification allows holder to provide training at any of our member departments.

The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA

“Fire Instructor II” or higher as defined by NFPA 1041

Texas Commission on Fire Protection:

Instructor II or higher

OTHER:

Bachelor’s Degree in Education

Texas Teaching Certification

**AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for:

- *at least* Firefighter I certification (must pass exams); *and*
- SFFMA Instructor I certification

Education:

**NFPA 1041: Instructor III**

*NFPA 1041: Standard for Fire Service Instructor*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. Applicants must have served a minimum of three years in the fire service, not just within the current department. Instructor III certification allows holder to provide training at any of our member departments.

The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA

“Fire Instructor III” as defined by NFPA 1041

Texas Commission on Fire Protection:

Instructor III

OTHER:

Bachelor’s Degree in Education

Texas Teaching Certification

**AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for:

- *at least* Firefighter I certification (must pass exams); *and*
- SFFMA Instructor II certification

Education:

**NFPA 1035: Public Fire Educator I**

*NFPA 1035: Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept either of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Public Fire Educator I” as defined by *NFPA 1035*

TEEX:

TEEX Public Fire Educator I course

**NFPA 1035: Public Fire Educator II**

*NFPA 1035: Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept either of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Public Fire Educator II” as defined by *NFPA 1035*

TEEX:

TEEX Public Fire Educator II course

**AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for SFFMA Public Fire Educator I certification.

Officer Development:

**NFPA 1021: Fire Officer I**

*NFPA 921: Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations*

*NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Fire Officer I” as defined by *NFPA 1021*

SFFMA:

*Fire Officer I Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

Texas Commission on Fire Protection:

Fire Officer I Curriculum

**AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for *at least*:

- SFFMA Full Firefighter II certification; and
- SFFMA Instructor I certification

**Note:** No combination of the NFA-based Fire Officer Development courses offered through TEEEX-ESTI will meet the requirements of NFPA Fire Officer I, II, III, or IV certification.

Officer Development:

**NFPA 1021: Fire Officer II**

*NFPA 921: Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations*

*NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Fire Officer II” as defined by *NFPA 1021*

SFFMA:

*Fire Officer II Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

Texas Commission on Fire Protection:

Fire Officer II Curriculum

**AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for *at least*:

- SFFMA Full Firefighter II certification;
- SFFMA Instructor I certification; *and*
- SFFMA Fire Officer I certification

**Note:** No combination of the NFA-based Fire Officer Development courses offered through TEEEX-ESTI will meet the requirements of NFPA Fire Officer I, II, III, or IV certification.

Officer Development:

**NFPA 1021: Fire Officer III**

*NFPA 921: Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations*

*NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Fire Officer III” as defined by *NFPA 1021*

SFFMA:

*Fire Officer III Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

Texas Commission on Fire Protection:

Fire Officer III Curriculum

**AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for *at least*:

- SFFMA Full Firefighter II certification;
- SFFMA Instructor I certification; *and*
- SFFMA Fire Officer II certification

**Note:** No combination of the NFA-based Fire Officer Development courses offered through TEEEX-ESTI will meet the requirements of NFPA Fire Officer I, II, III, or IV certification.

Officer Development:

**NFPA 1021: Fire Officer IV**

*NFPA 921: Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations*

*NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Fire Officer IV” as defined by *NFPA 1021*

SFFMA:

*Fire Officer IV Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

Texas Commission on Fire Protection:

Fire Officer IV Curriculum

**AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for *at least*:

- SFFMA Full Firefighter II certification;
- SFFMA Instructor I certification; *and*
- SFFMA Fire Officer III certification

**Note:** No combination of the NFA-based Fire Officer Development courses offered through TEEEX-ESTI will meet the requirements of NFPA Fire Officer I, II, III, or IV certification.

*Officer Development:*

**NFPA 1521: Incident Safety Officer**

*NFPA 1521: Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept either of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Incident Safety Officer” as defined by *NFPA 1521*

TEEX:

TEEX Incident Safety Officer course

**AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for SFFMA Fire Officer I certification



Education:

**NFPA 1035: Public Information Officer**

*NFPA 1035: Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept either of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Public Information Officer” as defined by *NFPA 1035*

TEEX:

TEEX Public Information Officer course

Investigation/Prevention:

**NFPA 1031: Fire Inspector**

*NFPA 472: Standard for Competence of Responders for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents*

*NFPA 1031: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA (all portions):

“Fire Inspector I” as defined by *NFPA 1031*

“Fire Inspector II” as defined by *NFPA 1031*

“Plans Examiner I” as defined by *NFPA 1031*

SFFMA:

*Fire Inspector Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

Texas Commission on Fire Protection:

Fire Inspector Curriculum

Investigation/Prevention:

**NFPA 1033: Fire Investigator**

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept either of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Fire Investigator” as defined by *NFPA 1033*

Texas Commission on Fire Protection:

Fire Investigator Curriculum

Investigation/Prevention:

**NFPA 1033: Arson Investigator**

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept either of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Fire Investigator” as defined by *NFPA 1033*

Texas Commission on Fire Protection:

Fire Investigator Curriculum

**AND**

Austin office certification staff can accept either of the following standards:

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)

Current Basic Peace Officer license

Federal Law Enforcement Agencies

Federal Law Enforcement Officer

Operations:

**NFPA 1002: Driver/Operator**

*NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1451: Standard for a Fire Service Vehicle Operations Training Program*

*NFPA 1500: Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept either of the following standards:

SFFMA:

*Driver/Operator Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

Texas Commission on Fire Protection:

*Driver/Operator Curriculum*

*Support:*

## **NFPA 1584: Support Personnel**

*NFPA 1584: Firefighter Rehabilitation and Medical Monitoring*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff must receive course completion documentation for each of the following:

FEMA:

IS-100 – Introduction to ICS

IS-700 – Introduction to NIMS

Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) or Emergency Vehicle Driver Training (EVDT);

Traffic Safety or Traffic Management

AND

First Aid including CPR and AED

Support:

## **NFPA 1061: Public Safety Telecommunicator I**

*NFPA 1061: Professional Qualifications for Public Safety Telecommunicator*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept either of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Public Safety Telecommunicator I” as defined by *NFPA 1061*

TEEX:

TEEX Public Safety Telecommunicator I course

## **NFPA 1061: Public Safety Telecommunicator II**

*NFPA 1061: Professional Qualifications for Public Safety Telecommunicator*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept either of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Public Safety Telecommunicator I” as defined by *NFPA 1061*

TEEX:

TEEX Public Safety Telecommunicator I course

## **AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for SFFMA Public Safety Telecommunicator I certification

Support:

## **Rescue Apprentice**

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Rescue Apprentice” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Rescue Apprentice Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Confined Space Rescue Training (RES001)

TEEX Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (RES002)

TEEX Rope Rescue Levels I Training (RES004)



Support:

## **Machinery Rescue Level I**

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Machinery Rescuer Level I” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Machinery Rescue Level I Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Machinery Rescue I

## **AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for SFFMA Rescue Apprentice certification.

Support:

## **Machinery Rescue Level II**

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Machinery Rescuer Level II” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Machinery Rescue Level II Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Machinery Rescue II

## **AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for:

- SFFMA Rescuer Apprentice certification; *and*
- SFFMA Machinery Rescue Level I certification

Support:

## **Rope Rescue Level I**

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Rope Rescuer Level I” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Rope Rescue Level I Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Rope Rescue I

## **AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for SFFMA Rescue Apprentice certification.

Support:

## **Rope Rescue Level II**

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Rope Rescuer Level II” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Rope Rescue Level II Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Rope Rescue II

## **AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for:

- SFFMA Rescuer Apprentice certification; *and*
- SFFMA Rope Rescue Level I certification

Support:

## **Structural Collapse Rescue Level I**

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Structural Collapse Rescuer Level I” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Structural Collapse Rescue Level I Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Structural Collapse Rescue I

## **AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for SFFMA Rescue Apprentice certification.

Support:

## **Structural Collapse Rescue Level II**

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Structural Collapse Rescuer Level II” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Structural Collapse Rescue Level II Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Structural Collapse Rescue II

## **AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for:

- SFFMA Rescuer Apprentice certification; *and*
- SFFMA Structural Collapse Rescue Level I certification

Support:

## **Surface Water Rescue Level I**

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Surface Water Rescuer Level I” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Surface Water Rescue Level I Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Surface Water Rescue I

## **AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for:

- SFFMA Rescuer Apprentice certification; *and*
- SFFMA Rope Rescue Level I certification; *and*
- SFFMA Rope Rescue Level II certification

Support:

## **Surface Water Rescue Level II**

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Surface Water Rescuer Level II” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Surface Water Rescue Level II Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Surface Water Rescue II

## **AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for:

- SFFMA Rescuer Apprentice certification; *and*
- SFFMA Rope Rescue Level I certification; *and*
- SFFMA Rope Rescue Level II certification; *and*
- SFFMA Surface Water Rescue Level I certification



Support:

## Swiftwater Rescue Level I

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Swiftwater Rescuer Level I” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Swiftwater Rescue Level I Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Swiftwater Rescue I

## AND

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for:

- SFFMA Rescuer Apprentice certification; *and*
- SFFMA Rope Rescue Level I certification; *and*
- SFFMA Rope Rescue Level II certification

Support:

## **Surface Water Rescue Level II**

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Swiftwater Rescuer Level II” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Swiftwater Rescue Level II Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Swiftwater Rescue II

## **AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for:

- SFFMA Rescuer Apprentice certification; *and*
- SFFMA Rope Rescue Level I certification; *and*
- SFFMA Rope Rescue Level II certification; *and*
- SFFMA Swiftwater Rescue Level I certification

Support:

## **Trench Rescue Level I**

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Trench Rescuer Level I” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Trench Rescue Level I Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Trench Collapse Rescue I

## **AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for SFFMA Rescue Apprentice certification.

Support:

## Trench Rescue Level II

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Trench Rescuer Level II” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Trench Rescue Level II Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Trench Collapse Rescue II

## AND

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for:

- SFFMA Rescuer Apprentice certification; *and*
- SFFMA Trench Rescue Level I certification

Support:

## **Wilderness Rescue Level I**

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Wilderness Rescuer Level I” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Wilderness Rescue Level I Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Wilderness Collapse Rescue I

## **AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for SFFMA Rescue Apprentice certification.

Support:

## **Wilderness Rescue Level II**

*NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*

*NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*

Course completion documents must accompany any application. The Austin office certification staff can accept any of the following standards:

NFPA:

“Wilderness Rescuer Level II” as defined by *NFPA 1006*

SFFMA:

*Wilderness Rescue Level II Curriculum* as documented in full Certification Program document

TEEX:

TEEX Wilderness Collapse Rescue II

## **AND**

Applicant must hold or apply concurrently for:

- SFFMA Rescuer Apprentice certification; *and*
- SFFMA Wilderness Rescue Level I certification

