

Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services



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Ohio Fire Training Rules Proposed Changes 2017



GENERAL

Chapter Reorganization

Chapter 20 = FF & FSI

Chapter 21 = Instructors

Chapter 22 = FF & FSI Professional Standards

Chapter 23 = Instructor Professional Standards

Chapter 24 = Charter Rules

Chapter 25 = Definitions and Incorporated by Reference

GENERAL

Military – Relocated armed services information throughout rules, where appropriate, to comply with HB-98 & HB-488. (Previously in Chapter 24)

Fire Service Training – This term replaced by “firefighter or fire safety inspector training.”

Application Rules – Reordered; application moved from first step to last.

Instructor Rules – All instructor rules moved to 4765-21.

CHAPTER 24 (Charter Rules)

Classification of firefighter, fire safety inspector and instructor training courses

- **Live Fire Instructor Classification**
 - Instructor Classification Required
- **Hazard Recognition Officer Classification**
 - FSI Classification Required
- Clarify requirements for applying for a new or additional classification
- Voluntary surrender language

CHAPTER 24 (Charter Rules)

Qualifications for a Fire Charter

- Require programs to submit course requests at least 7 days prior to course start date
- **Instructors shall be employed or contracted by chartered fire training program**
- Document written policies have been distributed to students
- NIMS, EVOG & HazMat documentation requirement
- Documentation of admission requirement compliance, including EMS prerequisite

CHAPTER 24 (Charter Rules)

Qualifications for a Fire Charter

- Written evaluations of instructors by program director
- Secondary School Programs
 - **Firefighter I & II & EMT**
- Conduct at least one course at each authorized classification level per cycle—
 - **EXCEPTION:** Conducting a FF course at the highest approved classification level fulfills requirement to teach FF courses at lower levels.

CHAPTER 24 (Charter Rules)

Application for a fire charter

- Incomplete applications: Add “and shall be returned to the applicant”

Renewal of a fire charter

- Require charters to conduct at least one firefighter course *at their highest classification level*, as well as at least one course in each additional classification level per charter cycle

CHAPTER 24 (Charter Rules)

Renewal of a fire charter

- During charter cycle, 75% of students in secondary school program shall meet all course requirements and sit for state certification examination.
- During charter cycle, 80% of all students taking state certification examination shall receive a passing score (three attempts); 65% on first attempt.
- Passing percentage evaluated every 24 months.

CHAPTER 24 (Charter Rules)

Notification to executive director

- Each chartered program shall provide written notice to the executive director no later than ten days after a change in any of the following:
 - Add:
 - Test proctor name
 - Instructor trainers
 - Fixed location
 - Offsite location
 - Affiliation agreements
 - Written testing agreement
 - Objective check-off sheets
 - Program name

CHAPTER 24 (Charter Rules)

Reinstatement of an expired fire charter or classification

- Add language permitting reinstatement of charter when surrendered voluntarily within the past 3 years

VFF Course

- VFF students not permitted to participate in any training involving IDLH environments, to include live fire training.

CHAPTER 24 (Charter Rules)

FFI Courses

Prior to being permitted to participate in live fire training students shall be trained to meet minimum JPR requirements for FFI (NFPA 1403, Chapter 4):

- Safety
- Fire Behavior
- Portable Extinguishers
- Personal Protective Equip.
- Ladders
- Fire hose, appliances, & streams
- Overhaul
- Water Supply
- Ventilation
- Forcible Entry
- Building Construction

CHAPTER 24 (Charter Rules)

FFI and FFII Courses

- **Students shall meet NFPA 1001, Chapter 4 entrance requirements**
 - Essential Job Tasks of NFPA 1582
 - Fitness Requirements
 - Emergency Medical Care
 - Infection Control
 - CPR
 - Bleeding Control
 - Shock Management
 - Other?

CHAPTER 24 (Charter Rules)

FFI and FFII Courses

- Add language allowing charters to develop program-specific course objectives to align with the program's course schedule; requires approval and cross reference

CHAPTER 24 (Charter Rules)

FFI and FFII Courses

- Relocated EVOOC requirements to Chapter 20, Qualifications
- Twenty hours shifted from FFII to FFI
- FF I & II—may admit 16-year-old students in secondary school program:
 - Twelfth or final grade in secondary school program
 - Eleventh grade in secondary school program
 - Classroom and practical activities associated with FFI
 - No IDLH environments

CHAPTER 24

Fire safety inspector course

- Hazard Recognition Officer Course (40 hours)
- Fire Safety Inspector Course (80 hours)

Fire instructor, assistant fire instructor and live fire instructor course

- Add live fire instructor course language; includes JPRs

Fire instructor and fire safety inspector instructor trainers

- Relocated from 21-06
- Add live fire instructor trainer requirements

CHAPTER 24

Fire charter offsite locations

- The instructors and skills evaluators must be affiliated with the chartered program;
- The chartered program submits a written request to, and is approved by, the executive director prior to the start of the course

Online education and distance learning for fire safety inspector and instructor training courses offered through a chartered program

- “Online and distance learning delivery of Volunteer Firefighter, Firefighter I, and Firefighter II courses is not permitted.”

CHAPTER 24 (Charter Rules)

Written examination administration requirements

- **Written examination appeals process**
 - Appeal in writing within 5 business days
 - Students to be advised of process
- State certification examination shall not be used as final course examination

Practical examination administration requirements

- Permits fire instructors, trained as practical skills evaluators, to serve as practical skills evaluators in the event fire safety inspector instructors are not available
- **Practical examination appeals process**

CHAPTER 20 (FF & FSI Rules)

Reinstatement of a firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate

-Can reinstate up to three years after expiration

0 – 90 days w/ continuing education

0 – 18 months or 0 – 9- w/o continuing education

18 – 36 months

-Increasing requirements at each level

Reinstatement of a revoked firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate

-Eligibility increased from 18 – 36 months

Firefighter certification by reciprocity

-Active duty with FD or training completed – increased from 18 – 36 months

CHAPTER 20 (FF and FSI Rules)

Firefighter certification by reciprocity

- Updated to reflect new process
 - Submit reciprocity request and documentation
 - Permission to test
 - Application after passing practical and written examinations
- Active with FD—18 months increased to 36 months
- May waive practical and written examinations for applicants completing fire training in the military within last 36 months

CHAPTER 20 (FF and FSI Rules)

Firefighter continuing education

- “Performing routine duties such as responding to emergencies, conducting fire safety inspections, and other daily or weekly job duties may not be credited toward firefighter continuing education.”

Fire safety inspector *and hazard recognition officer* continuing education

- “Performing routine duties such as responding to emergencies, conducting fire safety inspections, and other daily or weekly job duties may not be credited toward firefighter continuing education.”

CHAPTER 20 (FF and FSI Rules)

Fire safety inspector *and* **hazard recognition officer** continuing education

- Hazard recognition officer continuing education requirements shall be approved by the applicant's fire chief or a program director of a chartered program and **shall** include any combination of the following training:
 - TO BE DEVELOPED
- Six hours per cycle

CHAPTER 20 (FF and FSI Rules)

Fire safety inspector continuing education

-Continuing education requirements shall be approved by the applicant's fire chief or a program director of a chartered program and **shall** include any combination of the following courses:

- (1) The theory of fire code enforcement;
- (2) Enforcement of fire codes;
- (3) Life safety system of building and uses;
- (4) The safe use and maintenance of facilities, buildings, and uses which are subject to the state of Ohio fire code;
- (5) ETC.....

CHAPTER 21 (Instructor Rules)

Qualifications for an instructor certificate

- Prior to admission into a live fire instructor course, an individual shall meet all of the pre-requisite requirements outlined in the “Live Fire Training Operations Course” curriculum
- Credit may be given for successful completion of a substantially similar live fire training course when approved by the executive director. Upon receiving credit for a substantially similar live fire training course, applicants shall complete Ohio’s job performance requirements within 12 months.

CHAPTER 21 (Instructor Rules)

Qualifications for an instructor certificate

- Live Fire Instructor
 - Effective 4/7/2014 – shall complete Live Fire Training Operations Course
 - Effective July 1, 2017 – Live Fire Training Course + JPRs within 12 months of course completion
 - Effective July 1, 2020 – certification required to teach live fire evolutions

CHAPTER 21 (Instructor Rules)

- A holder of a current and valid fire instructor or assistant fire instructor certificate on April 6, 2014, who wishes to provide instruction in live fire training courses shall be exempt from the requirements unless subject to reinstatement process.
- Regardless of exempt status, must apply for certification by July 1, 2020.

CHAPTER 21 (Instructor Rules)

Renewal of a fire instructor, fire safety inspector instructor or assistant fire instructor certificate to teach (formerly -04)

- Add live fire instructor renewal requirements
 - Meets fire instructor renewal requirements
 - Participates as a live fire instructor in at least one initial certification course under the auspices of a fire chartered training program during the previous certification cycle.

The Way Forward...

- Gradual improvement of fire training programs
- Safe, affordable, high quality training opportunities
- OAC Compliance
- NFPA compliance
 - NFPA 1403, NFPA1500, NFPA1851, etc.
- Partnering with SFM to provide funding for fire training...FFI....FFII?
- NFPA 1403 compliance - burn facility assistance (regional)

The Way Forward...

- Evaluation of course pass rates
- VFF course issues
 - Lack of consistency across the state
 - Course objectives versus course materials
 - Examination complaints/appeals & pass rates
 - Practical skills testing required
- Course Development
 - Live Fire Operations
 - VFF
 - ???
- Instructor Development
- DEMS assistance to programs
- Directives

Fire Charter Program Directives

Instructor Course

Entrance

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Requirements

Use of eBooks for Fire
Training

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Use of Simulators for
Fire Extinguisher
Practical Skill Test

[PDF](#)

Course Request
Approval

[PDF](#)

Requirements

Exam Request

Approval

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Requirements

Live Fire Training

Instructor

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Requirements



Fire Charter Program Directives

Fire Instructor

Candidate Supervised
Teaching

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EMS Web Based

Testing Appeal
Process

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ADA Administration

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Revised Live Fire Ops
Curriculum

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Request for Ohio
Certified Firefighters to
obtain Pro Board
Certificate

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Initial FF Course

Entrance

Requirements

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Your Input is Valued....

- Charter input through the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Subcommittee
 - Attend bi-monthly meetings or reach out to members
- Contact the Division of EMS
 - Education/Testing Chief John Molnar
 - Fire Coordinator Jack Smith
 - ED Mel House

QUESTIONS?



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