

Attention Ohio Fire Instructors and Assistant Fire Instructors

The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services has instituted a new state certification for Live Fire Instructor (LFI):

- The Live Fire Instructor certification *will be* required for all fire instructors and assistant fire instructors **who provide instruction in live fire training evolutions required for certification as a firefighter.**
 - **The Live Fire Instructor certification became available on January 1, 2018, the effective date of the new fire training rules.**
 - **The Live Fire Instructor certification will not be required until January 1, 2021, allowing for a three year implementation period.**
- Certification requirements vary depending on when a fire instructor or assistant fire instructor received initial certification as an instructor, **with several exemption (“grandfathering”) options available:**
 - **For instructors certified on or before April 6, 2014, with no lapse in certification, a full exemption from course and job performance requirements is available.**
 - **For instructors certified from April 7, 2014 through December 31, 2017, the Live Fire Training Operations course is required for certification, however, applicants are exempt from completing the job performance requirements.**
 - **Instructors certified on or after January 1, 2018 are required to complete all requirements for certification as a Live Fire Instructor.**
- Regardless of certification “grandfathering”, all fire instructors and assistant fire instructors providing instruction in live fire training evolutions are encouraged to complete the Live Fire Training Operations Course and associated Job Performance Requirements.
- Although the requirement to be certified as a Live Fire Instructor applies to individuals who provide instruction in live fire training evolutions required for certification as a firefighter, all fire instructors and assistant fire instructors participating in live fire training evolutions are encouraged to become certified.
- The Live Fire Training Operations Course is available from select Ohio chartered fire training institutions.
- Questions regarding the Live Fire Instructor certification should be directed to:

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