

R710. Public Safety, Fire Marshal.

R710-16. Rules Pursuant to Fire Service Certification and Non-affiliated Training Organizations.

R710-16-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish criteria for the certification of firefighters, pump operators, instructors, fire officers, fire investigators, and rescue personnel. This rule establishes the Fire Service Certification Council as a subset of the Utah Fire Prevention Board and establishes standards for those agencies conducting non-affiliated academy fire service training.

R710-16-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Section 53-7-204.

R710-16-3. Definitions.

- (1) "Academy" means the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy of the Utah Valley University.
- (2) "Academy Director" means the director of the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.
- (3) "Board" means Utah Fire Prevention Board.
- (4) "Certification Council" means the Fire Service Certification Council.
- (5) "Certification System" means the Utah Fire Service Certification System.
- (6) "EMT" means emergency medical technician.
- (7) "Non-Affiliated" means an individual who is not a member of an organized fire department.
- (8) "RCA" means Recruit Candidate Academy
- (9) "SFM" means State Fire Marshal or authorized deputy.

R710-16-4. Criteria for the Certification of Firefighters, Pump Operators, Instructors, Fire Officers, Fire Investigators, and Rescue Personnel.

(1) The criteria for the certification of firefighters, pump operators, instructors, fire officers, fire investigators, and rescue personnel shall be the criteria established by the following standards published by the National Fire Protection Association which can be found online at the National Fire Protection Association website:

- (a) Hazardous Materials Awareness, NFPA 1072, 2017 Edition;
- (b) Hazardous Materials Operations, NFPA 1072, 2017 Edition;
- (c) Hazardous Materials Technician, NFPA 1072, 2017 Edition;
- (d) Firefighter I, II, NFPA 1001, 2019 Edition;
- (e) Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications - Pumper, Aerial, NFPA 1002, 2017 Edition;
- (f) Airport Firefighter Professional Qualifications, NFPA 1003, 2019 Edition;
- (g) Technical Rescue - Chapter 5, NFPA 1006, 2013 Edition;
- (h) Technical Rescue - Rope Level I, II, NFPA 1006, 2013 Edition;
- (i) Technical Rescue - Confined Space Level I, II, NFPA 1006, 2013 Edition;
- (j) Technical Rescue - Trench Level I, II, NFPA 1006, 2013 Edition;
- (k) Technical Rescue - Structural Collapse Level I, II, NFPA 1006, 2013 Edition;
- (l) Technical Rescue - Vehicle Level I, II, NFPA 1006, 2013 Edition;
- (m) Technical Rescue - Machinery Level I, II, NFPA 1006, 2013 Edition;
- (n) Technical Rescue - Surface Water Level I, II, NFPA 1006, 2013 Edition;
- (o) Technical Rescue - Swiftwater Level I, II, NFPA 1006, 2013 Edition;
- (p) Technical Rescue - Ice Level I, II, NFPA 1006, 2013 Edition;
- (q) Fire Officer I, II, III, IV, NFPA 1021, 2020 Edition;
- (r) Fire Inspector I, II, III, NFPA 1031, 2014 Edition;
- (s) Fire Investigator, NFPA 1033, 2014 Edition;
- (t) Fire and Life Safety Educator I, II, NFPA 1035, 2015 Edition;
- (u) Fire Instructor I, II, NFPA 1041, 2019 Edition; and
- (v) Wildland Firefighter I, II, NFPA 1051, 2020 Edition.

(2) The approval of the criteria for certification of firefighters, pump operators, instructors, fire officers, fire investigators, and rescue personnel shall be made by the Utah Fire Service Certification Council and the Utah Fire Prevention Board.

(3) The available certifications shall be identified on the Utah Fire Service Certification Levels form, and be approved by the Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

R710-16-5. Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

(1) There is created by the board, the Utah Fire Service Certification Council, whose duties are to oversee fire service certification within the state, and the accreditation and reaccreditation of non-affiliated fire service training organizations.

- (2) The Certification Council shall be comprised of:
 - (a) 12 members that shall each serve a three-year term who are:
 - (i) appointed by the academy director;
 - (ii) approved by the board;
 - (iii) users of the certification system;
 - (iv) from various geographical locations within the state; and

- (v) experienced in firefighting and emergency operations; and
- (b) the SFM or designee.
- (3) The Certification Council shall be made up of users of the certification system, and be comprised of both paid and volunteer fire personnel, and members from various geographical locations in the state.
- (4) The purpose of the Certification Council is to provide direction on each aspect of certification, and to report the activities of the Certification Council to the board.
- (5) Functioning of the Certification Council with regard to certification, re-certification, testing, meeting procedures, examinations, suspension, denial, annulment, revocation, appeals, and reciprocity, shall be conducted as specified in the Utah Fire Service Voluntary Certification Program Policy and Procedures Manual.
- (6) A copy of the Utah Fire Service Voluntary Certification Program Policy and Procedures Manual shall be kept on file at the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.

R710-16-6. Non-Affiliated Fire Service Training.

- (1) Those training organizations that desire to offer certification through the Certification System for non-affiliated personnel must receive accreditation in writing from the Certification Council and the academy director.
- (2) Before accreditation is granted, the training organization requesting approval shall demonstrate the following:
 - (a) complete a written application requesting approval to conduct the training course;
 - (b) designate an approved course coordinator to oversee the course delivery and ensure the course meets each of the applicable objectives;
 - (c) ensure that qualified instructors are used to teach each subject;
 - (d) ensure sufficient student to instructor ratios for each subject or skill to be taught to include those designated high hazard;
 - (e) demonstrate that sufficient equipment and facilities will be provided to meet the training requirements of the course being taught;
 - (f) maintain course documentation as required through the Certification System to ensure that each element of the necessary training is completed; and
 - (g) follow the accepted requirements of the Certification System for requesting testing and certification.
- (3) The designated course coordinator shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) be currently certified at the certification level as established by the Standards Council;
 - (b) ensure that the course syllabus and practical skills guide meet the requirements of the Certification System; and
 - (c) ensure that the requirements of the applicable referenced standard are met.
- (4) The qualified instructors shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) must be currently certified at the certification level as established by the Standards Council; and
 - (b) if the instructor is not certified, instructor qualification can be satisfied by special knowledge, experience or establishment of expertise.
- (5) An Introduction to Emergency Services class shall be completed by the non-affiliated student wishing to receive an RCA. The Introduction to Emergency Services class may be waived if the applicant can demonstrate to the academy sufficient competency or prior experience in the fire service to make the class unwarranted.
- (6) Non-affiliated training providers shall follow the curriculum outline that is taught at the academy in the RCA program to award students an RCA Certificate of Completion. Any changes to the curriculum of the RCA program at the academy shall be provided by the academy to the non-affiliated training providers to maintain consistency in the RCA program.
- (7) An RCA Certificate of Completion may be issued to the non-affiliated student by the academy upon successful completion of the following:
 - (a) introduction to Emergency Services class or accepted waiver;
 - (b) EMT Basic Course; and
 - (c) completion of an accredited RCA.
- (8) Non-affiliated training providers that have received accreditation shall be reaccredited every five years from the date of initial accreditation.

R710-16-7. Repeal of Conflicting Board Actions.

Each former board action, or part thereof, conflicting or inconsistent with this board action or with the codes adopted, is repealed.

R710-16-8. Validity.

The Utah Fire Prevention Board declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this board action, or of the codes adopted, be declared invalid, it is the intent of the Utah Fire Prevention Board that it would have passed all other portions of this action, independent of the elimination of any portion as may be declared invalid.

R710-16-9. Adjudicative Proceedings.

- (1) Adjudicative proceedings performed by the agency shall proceed informally as set forth in R710-16-9, and as authorized by Sections 63G-4-202 and 63G-4-203.
- (2) A person may request a hearing on a decision made by the Certification Council by filing an appeal to the SFM, to be heard by the board, within 20 days after receiving final decision.

(3) The board shall act as the hearing authority, and shall convene as an appeals board after timely notice to each party involved.

(4) The board shall direct the SFM to issue a signed order to each party involved giving the decision of the board within a reasonable time of the hearing pursuant to Section 63G-4-203.

(5) Reconsideration of the board's decision may be requested in writing within 20 days of the date of the decision pursuant to Section 63G-4-302.

(6) Judicial review of each final board action resulting from an informal adjudicative proceeding is available pursuant to Section 63G-4-402.

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