



Office of the State Fire Marshal

FAQ

(Frequently Asked Questions)

FF II vs Basic Operations Firefighter FF III vs Advanced Technician Firefighter Certifications

QUESTION: When is the deadline for completing FF II or FF III Certification if currently enrolled?

ANSWER: June 30, 2015

If you are currently enrolled in a FFII or FF III course, it must be completed by this date or you will have to enroll in a Basic Operations FF Certification program or an Advanced Technician FF Certification program.

QUESTION: What happens if I am enrolled in a FF II or III course and I don't meet the June 30 deadline?

ANSWER: You will be required to begin over with the new Basic/Advanced Firefighter Certification program.

QUESTION: Will my Certification as a FF II or FF III be revoked after June 30?

ANSWER: No

You will always be a Certified FF II or III. Only if you or the local Authority Having Jurisdiction desire or mandate that you become a Basic or Advanced Firefighter would you need to update your Certification level.

Question: Is it required to transition from Firefighter II/III to Basic/Advanced Certifications?

Answer: No

It is not required to complete the additional training to transition your individual certifications from Firefighter II/III to the Basic/Advanced certifications. It is an individual's or authority having jurisdictions decision.

Question: If I am in the process of obtaining the additional training necessary to transition Firefighter II/III certifications to Basic/Advance certifications, does this process need to be completed by June 30, 2015

Answer: No

There is not a deadline to complete a transition from Firefighter II/III certification to Basic/Advance certification.

QUESTION: Is there a Bridge Course to go from FF II/III to Basic/Advanced Firefighter Certification?

ANSWER: No

In order to upgrade from FF II/III to the new Certification levels you must simply meet the additional requirements for the levels. Currently they are as follows:

FF II to Basic:

*Completion of the classroom portion of FSVO program
Completion of the Courage to be Safe Course
Certification requirements for HazMat Operations
Certification requirements for Technical Rescue Awareness
Required CPR/Basic First Aid
Required NIMS 100 and 700*

FFIII to Advanced:

*Certification of FSVO
Certification of VMO
Attainment of 3 years fire service experience beginning from time
of Certification as FF II or Basic Operations Firefighter
Required NIMS 200*

QUESTION: Can I go from FF II to Advanced Firefighter Certification?

ANSWER: Yes

Complete the Advanced Technician course, pass the written and practical skills tests, and attain the additional certifications and time in the fire service.

QUESTION: Are there Provisional Basic or Advanced Firefighters?

ANSWER: No