



Office of the State Fire Marshal

RE; Firefighter Minimum Training Guide

To: Illinois Fire Service

I am pleased to announce the release of the Illinois Firefighter Minimum Training Guide. This document is designed to support Illinois Fire Departments/Districts and the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) in their respective efforts to properly train structural firefighters to be safe and efficient.

The Illinois Firefighter Minimum Training Committee was tasked by the Illinois Fire Services Association to define and establish areas of training competencies that correlate to their duties performed. That committee produced a guide that outlines specific training competencies that should be met prior to personnel being allowed to engage in Structural Fire Response as it relates to 1) Station Duties, 2) On-scene Exterior activities, and 3) High Risk Operations.

This document should be viewed as a tool to help the Fire Chief and AHJ develop their individual training programs. The Chief/AHJ shall determine who is authorized to instruct the firefighters in their respective departments/districts, unless the training will be applied towards OSFM State Certification. A recognized OSFM Certified Instructor must administer that training.

Any and all training resources should be utilized to accomplish training, including, but not limited to IFSI Conerstone Training program.

While we encourage all firefighters to become Certified through our office, we recognize that this isn't always possible. But we strongly believe that each and every firefighter needs to be trained to safely do his or her job. This guideline document is designed to ensure that goal is accomplished.

I want every firefighter in the State to be safe, to return home to their families after every call. Thank you for what you do each and every day. Train hard, watch out for each other, and stay safe!

Very Respectfully,

Matt Perez
State Fire Marshal

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