



**An Agreement between  
SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM  
and  
SOUTH CAROLINA FIRE ACADEMY**

The South Carolina Fire Academy (SCFA) and the SC Technical College System (SCTCS) recognize the need to promote and facilitate higher education among Fire Academy training completers. To ease this process and promote the closer coordination of courses, the SCTCS and SCFA hereby enter into the following Agreement effectively replacing the "Guidelines for Exemption Credit for Certification Training by the National Fire Academy or the SCFA" initiated in 2003 and revised in 2017.

### **TARGET AUDIENCE**

The Agreement provides articulation guidelines to members of the SC Fire and Emergency Services.

- SCFA students who have completed training courses and seek enrollment at one of the 16 technical colleges
- Students seeking enrollment in programs such as, but not limited to, the following may realize a great benefit in the application of this Agreement toward program completion:
  - Associate in Applied Science: major in Fire Science Technology or General Technology
  - Certificate: Fire Science Technology, Fire Service Technology-Advanced, or Emergency Management and Protection.
- Application of this Agreement is dependent upon specific program offerings and requirements at each college.

### **GUIDELINES**

1. Technical colleges shall award exemption credit for national Fire Academy training based on recommendations made by the American Council on Education (ACE) whenever such recommendations are available. If ACE recommendations are not available, technical colleges shall award exemption credit based on the criteria listed in #2 below.
2. Technical colleges shall award exemption credit for SCFA training on the following basis:

Every fifteen (15) contact hours of training plus a required final exam shall equate to one-half (.5) academic credit hour for purposes of granting exemption credit. The final exam may be a written exam and/or practical evaluation and must require a passing test score. A student must complete the training with an overall average of 70 percent or higher, including satisfactory completion of all required physical and practical exercises. Training sponsored and conducted by the SC Fire Academy may be completed at the SC Fire Academy facility in Columbia or at any other SC Fire Academy designated site.
3. Technical colleges shall grant not more than a total of 24 credit hours of fire service or related training (EMS, First Aid, First Responder, etc.) exemption credit toward an associate degree. Students may receive a maximum of 9.0 credit hours for SCFA 1000 series courses completed. All other SCFA coursework submitted for exemption credit must be at the 2000 series level or above.

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5. Students receiving 9.0 credit hours for 1151 Firefighter Candidate School will not receive additional credit for 1152 OSHA Firefighter, 1153 NFPA Firefighter 1, 1154 NFPA Firefighter II, and 2722 Hazardous Materials as content from those courses are included in 1151.
6. Technical colleges will grant exemption credit for National Certification courses by recognizing third party credentialing by International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and/or the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (ProBoard). IFSAC and Proboard issued certificates with official seals and seal numbers will be accepted in place of transcripts for these courses.


### REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT

1. The SCTCS and SCFA will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the agreement at both entities. Representing the SCFA will be the Superintendent or his/her designee. Representing the SCTCS will be the Vice President for Academics, Student Affairs, and Research at the SCTCS System Office, or their designee at either entity.
2. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of this Agreement to their respective clientele (external and internal constituents). The SCFA and SCTCS will review this Agreement every 3 years to make adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of the educational programs and articulation of courses.
3. The Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice. Such notice should be given at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination, and students who have signed an intent to participate document prior to termination may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.


### SIGNATURES

  
Tim Hardee, Ed.D.  
 President  
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 Date

  
Rosline Sumpter, Ph.D.  
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Jonathan C. Jones  
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 South Carolina State Fire

9/6/2024  
 Date

### COURSE EQUIVALENCIES LIST

Training Topic	Certification	SCFA Course #	SCFA Course Title	SCFA Contact Hours	Credit Hours Awarded	Source of Credit Hour Assignment
<b>Firefighter</b>						
		1152	OSHA Firefighter	80	2.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		1102	Fundamentals of FF Bravo	60	2	SCTCS Guidelines
		1103	Fundamentals of FF Charlie	51	3	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	1153	NFPA Firefighter I	60	2	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	1154	NFPA Firefighter II	36	1	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	1151*	Firefighter Candidate School	280	9	SCTCS Guidelines
		1152*	Fundamentals of Firefighting	105	3.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	1153*	NFPA Firefighter I	65	2	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	1154*	NFPA Firefighter II	44	1.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	1151*	Recruit Firefighter	320	9	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	1155	Recruit NFPA Firefighter I	140	5	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	1156	Fundamentals/FFI Combo	131	8.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	1402	Hybrid NFPA Firefighter I	96 includes 1152	3	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	1403	Hybrid NFPA Firefighter II	60	1.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	1196	NFPA Firefighter I CTS HS	130	2	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	1197	NFPA Firefighter II CTS HS	100	1.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		8331	S-130 Wildland Firefighter	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		1161	Support Company Operations	16	5	Which source?
		1181	Wildland Fire Training for Structural Firefighters	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		8332	S-205 Wildland Urban Interface	20	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		3400	Airport Firefighter	40	1.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		3410	Advanced Aircraft Rescue Firefighting	40	1.5	SCTCS Guidelines
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>						
		1428	Hazardous Materials Operations (hybrid)	32	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
		1429	Hybrid Hazardous Materials Operations	32	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
		2180	Chemistry of Hazardous Materials	80	4	ACE
		2180	Chemistry For Emergency Response	80	4	ACE

	2719	Haz-Mat Technical Refresher	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2720	Haz-Mat Incident Management	48	3	ACE
	2722*	Haz-Materials	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2723	OSHA Haz-Mat Technician	40	1	SCTCS Guidelines
	2735	NFA Operating Site Practices	80	4	ACE
	2736	Chlorine Response Specialist	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2755	NBC Terrorism Tech	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2751	Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts	16	1	ACE
	2752	ET: Incident Management	48	3	ACE
	7171	ERT: Tactical Considerations- Haz Mat	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2167	Hazardous Materials Response & Survival	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2710	Hazardous Materials First Responder	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2712	Haz Mat Incident Analysis	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2713	The Pesticide Challenge	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2716	Intro to Hazardous Materials	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2717	Emergency Response to Hazmat (165.15)	40	1	SCTCS Guidelines
	2718	Basic Life Support and Hazardous Materials	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2724	NFPA Haz-Mat Technician	40	1	SCTCS Guidelines
	2725	Hazardous Materials Tech	40	1	SCTCS Guidelines
	2728	Hazardous Materials Operations	32	1	SCTCS Guidelines
	2738	Handling Hazardous Materials Emergencies	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
<b>Officer Training</b>					
IFSAC/ProBoard	2100	Fire Officer I	48	1.5	SCTCS Guidelines
IFSAC/ProBoard	2100	Fire Officer I	56	1.5	SCTCS Guidelines
IFSAC/ProBoard	2101	Fire Officer I Hybrid	32	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
IFSAC/ProBoard	2102	Fire Officer II	40	1.0	SCTCS
IFSAC/ProBoard	2103	Fire Officer III	80	2.5	SCTCS Guidelines
IFSAC/ProBoard	2104	Fire Officer IV	72	2	SCTCS Guidelines
	2105	Fire & Emergency Services Administration	40	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
	2111	MCTO: Preparation	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2112	MCTO: Decision Making	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2113	Supervision: Personal Effectiveness	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines

	2114	Supervision: Team Effectiveness	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2116	MCTO: Tactics	16	1	ACE
	2117	Introduction to Volunteer Management	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2128	FF Safety & Survival: CO's Responsibility	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2133	Building Construction for Company Officers	40	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
	2137	IC System	16	1	ACE
	2144	Incident Command for High-Rise Operations	16	1	ACE
	2145	Incident Command for Structural Collapse Operator	16	1	ACE
	2146	IC System & Resource Management for the FS	16	1	ACE
	2147	NIMS ICS for the Fire Service	16	1	ACE
	2150	Incident Safety Officer	16	1	ACE
	2151	Health and Safety Officer	16	1	ACE
	2153	I300 Intro to ICS	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2154	I400 Intermediate ICS	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2171	Leadership I: Company Success	16	1	ACE
	2172	Leadership II: personal Success	16	1	ACE
	2173	Leadership III: Supervisory Success	16	1	ACE
	2175	Managing a Changing Environment	16	1	ACE
	2176	Shaping the Future	16	1	ACE
	2194	Leadership in Supervision	48	1.5	ACE
	2197	Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth	16	1.0	ACE
	2198	Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking	16	1.0	ACE
	2199	Leadership in Supervision: Frameworks To Success	16	1.0	ACE
	2201	Health Safety Program Manager	16	1.0	ACE
	2757	ERT: Company Officer Tactical Considerations	16	1	ACE
	3225	Cause Determination for the Company Officer	48	1.5	SERCS Guidelines
	2118	Prep for Initial Co Officer-PICO	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2119	Strategy & Tactics for Initial Co Ops-STICO	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2121	Decision Making for Initial co Ops	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2158	The New Fire Chief I	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2159	Politics and the White Helmet	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2160	The New Fire chief II	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2127	Bldg. Construction: Principles Wood and Ordinary	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2130	Bldg. Construction Principles: Noncombustible & Fire Resistive	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2132	Bldg. Construction Principles: Combustibles	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	2135	Bldg. Construction: Related to the Fire Service	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines

<b>Driver Operations</b>						
		1160	Truck Company and Support Operations	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		1210	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	40	1	SCTCS Guidelines
		1220	Pumper Operations I	40	1	SCTCS Guidelines
		1221	Pumper Operations II	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		1225	Fire Department Pumper Testing	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		8168	Basic Aerial Operations	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	Challenge	1250	Aerial	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
<b>Instructor</b>						
	IFSAC/ProBoard	4161	Fire Instructor I	40	1	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	4170	Fire Instructor I Blended Learning	40	1	SCTCS Guidelines
		4171	Fire Instructor I	40	1	SCTCS Guidelines
	IFSAC/ProBoard	4172	Fire Instructor II	40	1	SCTCS Guidelines
<b>Inspector &amp; Investigation</b>						
		2139	Introduction to Fire Inspection Principles & Practices	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		3203	Basic Fire Investigations	48	1.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		3209	Fire Investigation First Responders			ACE
		3211	Initial Fire Investigation	48	3	ACE
		3213	Basic Fire/Arson Investigation	80	2.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		3224	Arson Detection for First Responders	16	1	ACE
		4165	Fire & Life Safety Educator	32	1	SCTCS Guidelines
		8502	Fire Marshal Certification	40	1	SCTCS Guidelines
		3212	Arson Crime Scene Photographic Workshop	48	1.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		3221	Advanced Fire/Arson Investigation	32	1	SCTCS Guidelines
		3222	SBCC-Fire Prevention Inspections	30	1	SCTCS Guidelines
		3220	Fire Arson Detection	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		3226	Fire Inspection I	40	1	SCTCS Guidelines
		3229	NFPA Certified Fire Inspector II	28	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		3230	Company Officer Fire Inspection	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
<b>Rescue</b>						
		3300	Confined Space Rescue I	16	.5	SERCS Guidelines

	3310	Rope Rescue Operations	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	3312	Trench Rescue i	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	3316	Rope Rescue High Angle	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	3350	Water Rescue Operations	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	3351	Water Rescue Technician I	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	3352	Water Rescue Technician II	32	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
	3330	Basic Auto Extrication	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	3331	Advanced Auto Extrication	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	3340	Rescue Systems I	40	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
	3341	Rescue Systems II	40	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
	3390	Confined Space Entry Operations	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	3392	Confined Space Rescue	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	3394	Confined Space Operations	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
	3396	Confined Space AOT	40	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
<b>Medical</b>					
	1800	Emergency Medical Responder	80	2.5	SCTCS Guidelines
		Emergency Response (First Responder)	45	1.5	SCTCS Guideline
		Emergency Medical Technician/Certification	144	4.5	SCTCS Guidelines

**Noted from Guidelines:**

4. Students may receive a maximum of 9.0 credit hours for SCFA 1000 series courses completed. All other SCFA coursework submitted for exemption credit must be at the 2000 series level or above.
5. Each technical college reserves the right to determine the number of hours awarded up to a maximum of 24, which will depend in part, on the associate degree in which the student is enrolled.

Any questions relating to Fire Academy coursework should be referred to Bonita Watters at the SCFA 803.896.4074