



Curriculum Updates: Driver/Operator Series Programs

As previously communicated ([click here to view](#)), effective September 1, 2025, the South Carolina Fire Academy will begin offering updated Driver/Operator series programs. This update aligns course content with the 2024 edition of NFPA 1010. The curriculum will transition from IFSTA Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator 3rd edition to IFSTA Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator 4th edition.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The following Driver/Operator courses will now include an accredited-level written exam and skills evaluation:

- Emergency Vehicle Driver Training
- Driver/Operator - Pumper
- Driver/Operator - Mobile Water Supply
- Driver/Operator - Aerial

Upon completion of all skills, students will receive an accredited-level certificate.

This update renames the Driver/Operator courses as follows:

- Emergency Vehicle Driver Training: new course code 1270
 - Students who successfully complete this course will receive a state-issued certificate. To receive an accredited certificate, students must complete and submit an over-the-road skills evaluation after course completion. They may do this in one of two ways:
 - Submit a copy of their DMV Class E license.
 - Submit a completed and signed over-the-road skill evaluation sheet.
 - Students have 18 months from course completion to submit the required documentation. Submissions received after 18 months will not be eligible for an accredited certificate. Forms and directions will be included with the state certificate. All documentation must be emailed to SCFA.Reciprocity@llr.sc.gov.
- Driver/Operator - Pumper: new course code 1271
 - Increased from 40 to 48 hours and includes three new chapters and four new skills.
- Driver/Operator - Mobile Water Supply: new course code 1272
- Driver/Operator - Aerial: new course code 1275

The updated Driver/Operator courses will not require an accredited certificate as a prerequisite to move through the series. For example, if someone has the current EVDT (taken before the September 1, 2025 changeover), they can still take the updated Driver/Operator- Pumper course. Retaking EVDT is NOT required.

Students who completed these Driver/Operator courses prior to September 1, 2025, will be eligible to challenge the new accredited-level exam until February 1, 2027. For details on how to challenge exams, visit <https://statefire.llr.sc.gov/scfa/retesting.aspx>

INSTRUCTOR UPDATE REQUIRED

Active instructors *currently* certified to teach Emergency Vehicle Driver Training, Pump Operations 1, Pump Operations 2/MWS, and/or Aerial Operations must complete an instructor update before delivering any updated courses. The previous versions will no longer be offered. Instructors who do not complete the update must take the full Instructor Orientation Workshop (IOW) before they can resume teaching.

The self-paced updates will be delivered virtually through Blackboard. Instructions for accessing the updates will be emailed to students a few days prior to the start of class.

Upon completion, instructors will receive an access code to download the updated instructor materials.

Note: This update does not expand teaching certification. Instructors will remain certified only for the courses they were previously approved to deliver.

Course Update Dates and Registration

Course Code/ Section #	Dates	Direct Registration Link
1970-26-W01	July 1 - July 15	https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Secure/Enrollment.aspx?sectionId=85438&hash=21DDCE638DC604CC7F8378787708CDA75C3CCB29F27646D6BD329A072674F88C
1970-26-W02	July 15 - July 31	https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Secure/Enrollment.aspx?sectionId=85439&hash=8980EEFE29994E3AA970F555E12BA610EE895C8E9D7CE0304170F0381E29B566
1970-26-W03	Aug 1 - Aug 15	https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Secure/Enrollment.aspx?sectionId=85440&hash=974BCFBD9E92CD8532221F23B0124AEA63DCOD30ADDDF71450D47D7C47A0A56E
1970-26-W04	Aug 15 - Aug 31	https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Secure/Enrollment.aspx?sectionId=85441&hash=98BD18A60437146F189BE43D81E36947B6F3CC4CB6AB1082C49D7AB6C03003D
1970-26-W05	Sept 1 - Sept 15	https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Secure/Enrollment.aspx?sectionId=85442&hash=CB9911230FB30066EFF27229313732DE5DD74F010A044ADCD4834EBD8788AA71
1970-26-W06	Sept 15 - Sept 30	https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Secure/Enrollment.aspx?sectionId=85443&hash=F70A217C2A2ACAAAD3742858F48F14DDA33DC8418E2A2EF7A77B4406785F611C7

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