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NFA INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER COURSE TRANSITION

ISO Classes Will Continue Through December 31, 2026

The National Fire Academy (NFA) recently announced the retirement of the Incident Safety Officer (ISO) course and its replacement with Applications of Operational Safety (AOS). Because the ISO course is already scheduled throughout South Carolina and is incorporated into many departmental training plans and professional development requirements, the SC Fire Academy (SCFA) will continue offering ISO classes through December 31, 2026. Effective immediately, departments will not be able to schedule ISO classes to start after December 31, 2026.

Certificate Information

Because the NFA has retired the ISO course, students completing an ISO course will now receive a SC Fire Academy certificate rather than a NFA certificate. These state certificates will be recorded on each student's SC Fire Academy transcript.

New Replacement Course

The NFA has replaced ISO with AOS. The AOS course is already being delivered by the NFA.

Transition Timeline

- Now through December 31, 2026
 - Continue offering ISO courses, both virtual and in-person formats.
 - Students receive a SC Fire Academy certificate upon successful completion.
- Beginning January 1, 2027
 - The SC Fire Academy will transition to AOS.
 - AOS will be available in both virtual and in-person formats.

Instructor Updates

Instructor update sessions are currently being scheduled to prepare existing ISO instructors to teach AOS. Additional information regarding instructor update opportunities will be distributed separately.

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