FIRE OFFICER III
CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This certification course provides the skills necessary to meet the NFPA 1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2020 edition, Chapter 6. The International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and the National Professional Qualifications System (Pro Board) accredits this certification.

PREREQUISITES:

IFSAC or NPQS Fire Officer II certification
Course 2103 - Fire Officer III

IMPLEMENTATION:

In accordance with the policies published in South Carolina Fire Academy Accreditation/Certification Policy, the following procedures apply to all certification testing conducted for this course. As noted below, practical skills evaluations may be integrated into a challenge course delivery and students must participate in them. Reciprocity may be available in some cases.

ELIGIBILITY:

Certification is available to current members of all fire departments in the state of South Carolina through all methods of delivery. Non-fire department personnel and members of out of state fire departments or brigades are eligible for certification only when it is offered as a part of the SCFA in-state delivery system. This is done through the review of student records and must be completed as part of the registration process. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis and approved by the Accreditation Coordinator or designee. Requests by applicants from other IFSAC states or Pro Board states will be considered only if that state's entity is not accredited to the level requested.

PROJECT ASSESSMENT:

There are no written tests, but there is a substantial amount of reading, research, completion of activities and planning outside of class. Satisfactory completion of 16 activities and associated presentations, including extensive work in groups, determines the student's success.

A group project is evaluated through the 2103 - Fire Officer III evaluation portion of the applicable course. Group projects will be graded on a pass/fail basis. Students must successfully complete the group project evaluations in order to complete the class. There is no written exam for this course.

Study Reference List:

NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2014 Edition

RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION:

The lead evaluator or exam proctor will be responsible for returning the completed course paperwork and/or test package to their regional office or course coordinator within (5) working days after the exam date.

APPEALS:

A participant may exercise his/her appeal rights under the following conditions:

- Non-compliance to written testing procedures and policies.
- Validity of test questions or answers.
- Discrimination.

Participants must make appeal request in writing to the Accreditation Coordinator within 30 calendar days of the date of the alleged occurrence.

The South Carolina Fire Academy shall follow all appeal policies as published in the South Carolina Fire Academy Accreditation/Certification Policy.

RETESTING:

There are no retest opportunities for a group project based course.

Individuals failing to successfully complete the group project evaluations will be required to repeat the course.