

**FIRE FIGHTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 5, 2024, 10:00 A.M.**  
**4800 N. Lamar Boulevard, North Lamar Boulevard Bldg., Room 140, Austin, Texas**

**The Fire Fighter Advisory Committee meeting will be held in person at the location above.**

- 1. Roll call and excuse of absences, if any, of committee members.**
- 2. Committee member training.**
- 3. Adoption of the September 26, 2024, Fire Fighter Advisory Committee meeting minutes.**
- 4. Discussion and possible action on the rule review of 37 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 423, Fire Suppression.**
- 5. Discussion and possible action on the rule review of 37 TAC, Chapter 425, Fire Service Instructors.**
- 6. Subjects for future agenda items.**
- 7. Future meeting dates.**
- 8. Adjourn meeting.**

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1**

1. Roll call and excuse of absences, if any, of committee members.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2**

2. Committee member training.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3 WITH RELEVANT DOCUMENTS ATTACHED**

3. Adoption of the September 26, 2024, Fire Fighter Advisory Committee meeting minutes **(please see attached)**.

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding officer Daniel DeYear called the September 26, 2024, meeting of the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee to order at 10:01 a.m. at the North Lamar Boulevard Building, 4800 N. Lamar Boulevard, in Austin, Texas.

**Member Attendance:**

Vince Abrigo*	Daniel Anderson	
Jim Reidy	Antonio Ramos	Daniel DeYear

\*Excused absence

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**Staff present:**

Frank King	Sami Lepisto	Cliff Grant	Holden Wenger
Rick Wallace	Joyce Guinn	Kenneth Barnett	Grace Wilson

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1. Roll Call – Secretary, Antonio Ramos called roll, and a quorum was present.

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2. Adoption of minutes – A motion was made by Daniel Anderson and seconded by Antonio Ramos to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2024, Fire Fighter Advisory Committee meeting. The motion carried.

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3. Discussion and possible action on the rule review of Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 403, Criminal Convictions and Eligibility for Certification- A motion was made by Daniel Anderson and seconded by Jim Reidy to forward Chapter 403 to the Commission without changes. The motion carried.

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4. Discussion and possible action on the rule review of 37 TAC, Chapter 421, Standards for Certification– The committee made the following recommendations:

- Consider deleting 421.5 definition for Assistant Chief.
- Add language to 421.5 (28) “includes enclosed area” & “IDLH situations”.
- Change definition in 421.5 (51) (A) (ii) State Firemen’s and Fire Marshals’ Association (SFFMA) and throughout Chapter 421.
- Add language throughout Chapter 421 to specify the mandatory certifications vs. the voluntary certifications.

A motion was made by Jim Reidy and seconded by Antonio Ramos to approve the recommendation. The motion carried.

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5. Discussion on cancer and mental health related to the Texas Fire Service. - A discussion was held by the committee.

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6. Continued discussion regarding the injury report and reporting collaboration between agencies as mentioned in the Texas Government Code, Chapter 419. - A discussion was held by the committee.

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7. Subjects for future meeting agenda items – Selection on Officer's for the current vacancies on the committee.

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8. Future meeting dates – The committee confirmed the next meeting date for December 5th, 2024 at 10:00am.

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9. Adjourn meeting – A motion was made by Antonio Ramos and seconded by Jim Reidy to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

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Daniel DeYear  
Presiding Officer

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4 WITH RELEVANT DOCUMENT ATTACHED**

4. Discussion and possible action on the rule review of 37 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 423, Fire Suppression **(please see attached)**.

**TITLE 37 PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS**

**PART 13 TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION**

**CHAPTER 423 FIRE SUPPRESSION**

**SUBCHAPTER A MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR STRUCTURE FIRE PROTECTION  
PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION**

**§423.1 Minimum Standards for Structure Fire Protection Personnel**

- (a) Fire protection personnel who are appointed to structure fire protection duties must be certified by the commission within one year from the date of their appointment.
- (b) Prior to being appointed to structure fire protection duties, personnel must:
- (1) complete a commission approved basic structure fire protection program; and
  - (2) successfully pass the commission examination as required by §423.3 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Basic Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification); and
  - (3) successfully complete a commission recognized emergency medical training program. The commission recognizes the following emergency medical training:
    - (A) Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Service Personnel certification training;
    - (B) an American Red Cross Emergency Response course, including the optional lessons and enrichment sections;
    - (C) an American Safety and Health Institute First Responder course;
    - (D) National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification; or
    - (E) medical training deemed equivalent by the commission.
- (c) Personnel holding any level of structure fire protection personnel certification must comply with the continuing education requirements specified in Chapter 441 of this title (relating to Continuing Education).

**§423.3 Minimum Standards for Basic Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification**

In order to be certified as Basic Structure Fire Protection Personnel, an individual must:

- (1) possess valid documentation from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress or the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications issued by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service using the 2008 or later edition of the NFPA standard applicable to this discipline and meeting the requirements specified in §439.1 of this title (relating to Requirements--General) as:
  - (A) Fire Fighter I, Fire Fighter II, Hazardous Materials Awareness Level Personnel; and
  - (B) Hazardous Materials Operations Level Responders including the Mission-Specific Competencies for Personal Protective Equipment and Product Control under the current edition; or



(D) meet the medical requirements outlined in §423.1 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Structure Fire Protection Personnel); or

(2) complete a commission-approved basic structure fire protection program, meet the medical requirements outlined in §423.1 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Structure Fire Protection Personnel), and successfully pass the commission examination(s) as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification). An approved basic structure fire suppression program shall consist of one or any combination of the following:

(A) completion of a commission-approved Basic Fire Suppression Curriculum, as specified in the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual; or

(B) completion of an out-of-state, and/or military training program deemed equivalent to the commission-approved Basic Fire Suppression Curriculum; or

(C) documentation of the receipt of a Fire Fighter II certificate, an advanced certificate, or confirmation of training from the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas that is deemed equivalent to a commission-approved Basic Fire Suppression Curriculum.

#### **§423.5 Minimum Standards for Intermediate Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification**

(a) Applicants for Intermediate Structure Fire Protection Personnel certification must complete the following requirements:

(1) hold, as a prerequisite, a Basic Structure Fire Protection Personnel certification as defined in §423.3 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Basic Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification); and

(2) acquire a minimum of four years of fire protection experience and complete the training listed in one of the following options:

(A) Option 1--Successfully complete six semester hours of fire science or fire technology from an approved Fire Protection Degree Program and submit documentation as required by the commission that the courses comply with subsections (b) and (c) of this section; or

(B) Option 2--Completion of coursework from either the A-List or the B-List courses. Acceptable combinations of courses are as follows: two A-List courses; or eight B-List courses; or one A-List course and four B-List courses. (See the exception outlined in subsection (c) of this section); or

(C) Option 3--Completion of coursework from either the A-List or the B-List courses in combination with college courses in fire science or fire protection. Acceptable combinations of courses are three semester hours meeting the requirements of Option 1, with either one A-List course or four B-List courses (See the exception outlined in subsection (c) of this section).

(b) Non-traditional credit awarded at the college level, such as credit for experience or credit by examination obtained from attending any school in the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual or for experience in fire service, may not be counted toward this level of certification.

(c) The training required in this section must be in addition to any training used to qualify for any lower level of Structure Fire Protection Personnel certification. Repeating a course or a course of similar content cannot be used towards this level of certification.

## **§423.7 Minimum Standards for Advanced Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification** <sup>10</sup>

(a) Applicants for Advanced Structure Fire Protection Personnel certification must complete the following requirements:

(1) hold as a prerequisite an Intermediate Structure Fire Protection Personnel certification as defined in §423.5 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Intermediate Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification); and

(2) acquire a minimum of eight years of fire protection experience and complete the training listed in one of the following options:

(A) Option 1--Successfully complete six semester hours of fire science or fire technology from an approved Fire Protection Degree Program and submit documentation as required by the commission that the courses comply with subsections (b) and (c) of this section; or

(B) Option 2--Completion of coursework from either the A-List or the B-List courses. Acceptable combinations of courses are as follows: two A-List courses; or eight B-List courses; or one A-List course and four B-List courses. (See the exception outlined in subsection (c) of this section); or

(C) Option 3--Completion of coursework from either the A-List or the B-List courses in combination with college courses in fire science or fire protection. Acceptable combinations of courses are three semester hours meeting the requirements of Option 1 with either one A-List course or four B-List courses (See the exception outlined in subsection (c) of this section).

(b) Non-traditional credit awarded at the college level, such as credit for experience or credit by examination obtained from attending any school in the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual or for experience in the fire service, may not be counted toward this level of certification.

(c) The training required in this section must be in addition to any training used to qualify for any lower level of Structure Fire Protection Personnel certification. Repeating a course or a course of similar content cannot be used towards this level of certification.

## **§423.9 Minimum Standards for Master Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification**

(a) Applicants for Master Structure Fire Protection Personnel certification must complete the following requirements:

(1) hold as a prerequisite an Advanced Structure Fire Protection Personnel certification as defined in §423.7 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Advanced Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification); and

(2) acquire a minimum of twelve years of fire protection experience, and 60 college semester hours or an associate degree, which includes at least 18 college semester hours in fire science subjects.

(b) College level courses from both the upper and lower division may be used to satisfy the education requirement for Master Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification.

## **§423.11 Higher Levels of Certification**

(a) An individual may receive higher levels of certification in structure fire protection while being assigned to another discipline, provided all requirements for the higher level or levels of certification are met.

### **§423.13 International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Seal**

(a) Individuals completing a commission-approved basic structure fire protection program, meeting any other NFPA requirement, and passing the applicable commission examination(s) may be granted IFSAC seal(s) for Hazardous Materials Awareness Level Personnel, Hazardous Materials Operations Level Responders (including the Mission-Specific Competencies for Personal Protective Equipment and Product Control), Fire Fighter I, and/or Fire Fighter II by making application to the commission for the IFSAC seal(s) and paying applicable fees, provided they meet the following provisions:

(1) To receive the IFSAC Hazardous Materials Awareness Level Personnel seal, the individual must:

(A) complete the Hazardous Materials Awareness section of a commission-approved course; and

(B) pass the Hazardous Materials Awareness section of a commission examination.

(2) To receive the IFSAC Hazardous Materials Operations Level Responders seal (including the Mission-Specific Competencies for Personal Protective Equipment and Product Control) the individual must:

(A) complete the Hazardous Materials Operation section of a commission-approved course; and

(B) document possession of an IFSAC Hazardous Materials Awareness Level Personnel seal; and

(C) pass the Hazardous Materials Operations section of a commission examination.

(3) To receive the IFSAC Fire Fighter I seal, the individual must:

(A) complete a commission-approved Fire Fighter I course; and

(B) provide medical documentation as outlined in subsection (b) of this section; and

(C) document possession of an IFSAC Hazardous Materials Awareness Level Personnel seal; and

(D) document possession of an IFSAC Hazardous Materials Operations Level Responders seal; and

(E) pass the Fire Fighter I section of a commission examination.

(4) To receive the IFSAC Fire Fighter II seal, the individual must:

(A) complete a commission-approved Fire Fighter II course; and

(B) document possession of an IFSAC Fire Fighter I seal; and

(C) pass the Fire Fighter II section of a commission examination.

(b) In order to qualify for a Fire Fighter I seal, the individual must document successful completion of an emergency medical training course or program that includes those subject areas required by NFPA 1001.

(c) In order to qualify for an IFSAC seal an individual must submit the application for the seal prior to the expiration of the examination.

## **SUBCHAPTER B MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING<sup>12</sup> PERSONNEL**

### **§423.201 Minimum Standards for Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel**

- (a) Aircraft rescue fire fighting personnel are employees of a local governmental entity who are appointed to aircraft rescue fire fighting duties. These duties may include fighting aircraft fires at airports, standing by for potential crash landings, and performing aircraft rescue and fire fighting duties.
- (b) Personnel appointed to aircraft rescue fire fighting duties must be certified by the commission within one year from the date of their appointment.
- (c) Prior to being appointed to aircraft rescue fire fighting duties, all personnel must:
  - (1) successfully complete a commission approved basic structure fire protection program and pass the commission's examination; and
  - (2) successfully complete a commission approved basic aircraft rescue fire fighting program and pass the commission's examination.
- (d) "Stand by" means the act of responding to a designated position in the movement area on the airfield at which initial response fire and rescue units will await the arrival of an aircraft experiencing an announced emergency.
- (e) "Movement area" is comprised of all runways, taxiways, and other areas of the airport which are used for taxiing or hover taxiing, take-off, and landing of aircraft, exclusive of loading ramps and aircraft parking areas.
- (f) Personnel holding any level of aircraft rescue fire fighting personnel certification shall be required to comply with the continuing education specified in Chapter 441 of this title (relating to Continuing Education).
- (g) Aircraft rescue fire fighting personnel that perform structure fire protection duties must be certified, as a minimum, as basic structure fire protection personnel.

### **§423.203 Minimum Standards for Basic Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel Certification**

In order to be certified as Basic Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel, an individual must:

- (1) hold a Basic Structure Fire Protection Personnel certification; and
- (2) possess valid documentation as an Airport Fire Fighter from either:
  - (A) the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress; or
  - (B) the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications issued by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service using the 2010 or later edition of the NFPA standard applicable to this discipline and meeting the requirements specified in §439.1 of this title (relating to Requirements-General); or
- (3) complete a commission approved aircraft rescue fire fighting program and successfully pass the commission examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification). An approved aircraft rescue fire fighting program shall consist of one of the following:

(A) a commission approved Basic Aircraft Rescue Fire Suppression Curriculum as specified in the<sup>13</sup> commission's Certification Curriculum Manual; or

(B) an out-of-state, and/or military training program that has been submitted to the commission for evaluation and found to be equivalent to or exceeds the commission approved Basic Aircraft Rescue Fire Suppression Curriculum.

#### **§423.205 Minimum Standards for Intermediate Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel Certification**

(a) Applicants for Intermediate Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel certification must complete the following requirements:

(1) hold as a prerequisite a Basic Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel certification as defined in §423.203 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Basic Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel Certification); and

(2) acquire a minimum of four years of fire protection experience and complete the training listed in one of the following options:

(A) Option 1--Successfully complete six semester hours of fire science or fire technology from an approved Fire Protection Degree Program and submit documentation as required by the commission that the courses comply with subsections (b) and (c) of this section; or

(B) Option 2--Completion of coursework from either the A-List or the B-List courses. Acceptable combinations of courses are as follows: two A-List courses; or eight B-List courses; or one A-List course and four B-List courses. (See the exception outlined in subsection (c) of this section); or

(C) Option 3--Completion of coursework from either the A-List or the B-List courses in combination with college courses in fire science or fire protection. Acceptable combinations of courses are three semester hours meeting the requirements of Option 1 with either one A-List course or four B-List courses (See the exception outlined in subsection (c) of this section).

(b) Non-traditional credit awarded at the college level, such as credit for experience or credit by examination obtained from attending any school in the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual or for experience in the fire service, may not be counted toward this level of certification.

(c) The training required in this section must be in addition to any training used to qualify for any lower level of Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting certification. Repeating a course or a course of similar content cannot be used towards this level of certification.

#### **§423.207 Minimum Standards for Advanced Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel Certification**

(a) Applicants for Advanced Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel certification must complete the following requirements:

(1) hold as a prerequisite an Intermediate Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel certification as defined in §423.205 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Intermediate Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel Certification); and

(2) acquire a minimum of eight years of fire protection experience and complete the training listed in one of the following options:

(A) Option 1--Successfully complete six semester hours of fire science or fire technology from an approved Fire Protection Degree Program and submit documentation as required by the commission that the courses comply with subsections (b) and (c) of this section; or

(B) Option 2--Completion of coursework from either the A-List or the B-List courses. Acceptable combinations of courses are as follows: two A-List courses; or eight B-List courses; or one A-List course and four B-List courses. (See the exception outlined in subsection (c) of this section); or

(C) Option 3--Completion of coursework from either the A-List or the B-List courses in combination with college courses in fire science or fire protection. Acceptable combinations of courses are three semester hours meeting the requirements of Option 1 with either one A-List course or four B-List courses (See the exception outlined in subsection (c) of this section).

(b) Non-traditional credit awarded at the college level, such as credit for experience or credit by examination obtained from attending any school in the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual or for experience in the fire service, may not be counted toward this level of certification.

(c) The training required in this section must be in addition to any training used to qualify for any lower level of Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel certification. Repeating a course or a course of similar content cannot be used towards this level of certification.

#### **§423.209 Minimum Standards for Master Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel Certification**

(a) Applicants for Master Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel certification must complete the following requirements:

(1) hold, as a prerequisite, an Advanced Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel certification as defined in §423.207 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Advanced Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel Certification); and

(2) acquire a minimum of twelve years of fire protection experience, and 60 college semester hours or an associate's degree, which includes at least 18 college semester hours in fire science subjects.

(b) College level courses from both the upper and lower division may be used to satisfy the education requirement for Master Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel Certification.

#### **§423.211 International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Seal**

Individuals completing a commission approved basic aircraft rescue fire fighting program, documenting an IFSAC seal for Fire Fighter II, and passing the applicable commission examination may be granted an IFSAC seal as an Airport Fire Fighter by making application to the commission for the IFSAC seal and paying applicable fees. In order to qualify for an IFSAC seal, an individual must submit the application for the seal prior to the expiration of the examination.

**§423.301 Minimum Standards for Marine Fire Protection Personnel**

- (a) Marine fire protection personnel are employees of a local governmental entity who work aboard a fire boat with a minimum pumping capacity of 2,000 gallons per minute, and fight fires that occur on or adjacent to a waterway, waterfront, channel, or turning basin.
- (b) Fire protection personnel appointed to marine fire protection duties must be certified by the commission within one year from the date of their appointment.
- (c) Prior to being appointed to marine fire protection duties, all personnel must:
  - (1) successfully complete a commission approved basic structure fire protection program and pass the commission's examination; and
  - (2) successfully complete a commission approved basic marine fire protection program and pass the commission's examination.
- (d) Personnel holding any level of Marine Fire Protection Personnel certification shall be required to comply with the continuing education specified in Chapter 441 of this title (relating to Continuing Education).

**§423.303 Minimum Standards for Basic Marine Fire Protection Personnel Certification**

In order to be certified as Basic Marine Fire Protection Personnel an individual must:

- (1) hold a Basic Structure Fire Protection Personnel certification; and
- (2) complete a commission approved marine fire protection program and successfully pass the commission examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification). An approved marine fire protection program shall consist of one of the following:
  - (A) the commission approved Basic Marine Fire Protection Curriculum as specified in Chapter 3 of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual; or
  - (B) An out-of-state, and/or military training program that has been submitted to the commission for evaluation and found to be equivalent to or exceed the commission approved Basic Marine Fire Protection Curriculum.

**§423.305 Minimum Standards for Intermediate Marine Fire Protection Personnel Certification**

- (a) Applicants for Intermediate Marine Fire Protection Personnel certification must complete the following requirements:
  - (1) hold, as a prerequisite, a Basic Marine Fire Protection Personnel certification as defined in §423.303 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Basic Marine Fire Protection Personnel Certification); and
  - (2) acquire a minimum of four years of fire protection experience and complete the training listed in one of the following options:
    - (A) Option 1--Successfully complete six semester hours of fire science or fire technology from an approved Fire Protection Degree Program and submit documentation as required by the commission that the courses

(B) Option 2--Completion of coursework from either the A-List or the B-List courses. Acceptable combinations of courses are as follows: two A-List courses; or eight B-List courses; or one A-List course and four B-List courses. (See the exception outlined in subsection (c) of this section); or

(C) Option 3--Completion of coursework from either the A-List or the B-List courses in combination with college courses in fire science or fire protection. Acceptable combinations of courses are three semester hours meeting the requirements of Option 1 with either one A-List course or four B-List courses. (See the exception outlined in subsection (c) of this section).

(b) Non-traditional credit awarded at the college level, such as credit for experience or credit by examination obtained from attending any school in the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual or for experience in fire service, may not be counted towards this level of certification.

(c) The training required in this section must be in addition to any training used to qualify for any lower level of Marine Fire Protection Personnel certification. Repeating a course, or a course of similar content, cannot be used towards this level of certification.

#### **§423.307 Minimum Standards for Advanced Marine Fire Protection Personnel Certification**

(a) Applicants for Advanced Marine Fire Protection Personnel certification must complete the following requirements:

(1) hold as a prerequisite an Intermediate Marine Fire Protection Personnel certification as defined in §423.305 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Intermediate Marine Fire Protection Personnel Certification); and

(2) acquire a minimum of eight years of fire protection experience and complete the training listed in one of the following options:

(A) Option 1--Successfully complete six semester hours of fire science or fire technology from an approved Fire Protection Degree Program and submit documentation as required by the commission that the courses comply with subsections (b) and (c) of this section; or

(B) Option 2--Completion of coursework from either the A-List or the B-List courses. Acceptable combinations of courses are as follows: two A-List courses; or eight B-List courses; or one A-List course and four B-List courses. (See the exception outlined in subsection (c) of this section); or

(C) Option 3--Completion of coursework from either the A-List or the B-List courses in combination with college courses in fire science or fire protection. Acceptable combinations of courses are three semester hours meeting the requirements of Option 1 with either one A-List course or four B-List courses (See the exception outlined in subsection (c) of this section).

(b) Non-traditional credit awarded at the college level, such as credit for experience or credit by examination obtained from attending any school in the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual or for experience in the fire service, may not be counted towards this level of certification.

(c) The training required in this section must be in addition to any training used to qualify for any lower level of Marine Fire Protection Personnel certification. Repeating a course or a course of similar content cannot be used towards this level of certification.



(a) Applicants for Master Marine Fire Protection Personnel certification must complete the following requirements:

(1) hold, as a prerequisite, an Advanced Marine Fire Protection Personnel certification as defined in §423.307 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Advanced Marine Fire Protection Personnel Certification); and

(2) acquire a minimum of twelve years of fire protection experience, 60 college semester hours or an associate's degree, which includes at least 18 college semester hours in fire science subjects.

(b) College level courses from both the upper and lower division may be used to satisfy the education requirement for Master Marine Fire Protection Personnel Certification.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5 WITH RELEVANT DOCUMENTS**

5. Discussion and possible action on the rule review of 37 TAC, Chapter 425, Fire Service Instructors **(please see attached)**.

**TITLE 37 PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS****PART 13 TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION****CHAPTER 425 FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS****§425.1 Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor Certification**

- (a) Training programs that are intended to satisfy the requirements for fire service instructor certification must meet the curriculum and competencies based upon NFPA 1041, Standard for Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Professional Qualifications or the most recent edition of. All applicants for certification must meet the examination requirements of this section.
- (b) Prior to being appointed to fire service instructor duties, all personnel must complete a commission approved fire service instructor program and successfully pass the commission examination pertaining to that curriculum.
- (c) Personnel who receive probationary or temporary appointment to fire service instructor duties must be certified by the commission within one year from the date of appointment to such position.
- (d) An out-of-state, military, or federal instructor training program may be accepted by the commission as meeting the training requirements for certification as a fire service instructor if the training has been submitted to the commission for evaluation and found to be equivalent to or to exceed the commission approved instructor course for that particular level of fire service instructor certification.
- (e) An individual who holds a bachelor's degree or higher in education from a regionally accredited educational institution or a teaching certificate issued by the State Board for Educator Certification or an associate degree with twelve semester hours of education instructional courses is considered to have training equivalent to the commission's curriculum requirements for Instructor I, II and III training.
- (f) Personnel holding any level of fire service instructor certification must comply with the continuing education requirements specified in §441.21 of this title (relating to Continuing Education for Fire Service Instructor).

**§425.3 Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor I Certification**

In order to be certified as a Fire Service Instructor I an individual must:

- (1) have a minimum of three years of experience as defined in §421.5 of this title (relating to Definitions) in fire protection in one or more or any combination of the following:
- (A) a paid, volunteer, or regulated non-governmental fire department; or
  - (B) a department of a state agency, education institution or political subdivision providing fire protection training and related responsibilities; and
- (2) possess valid documentation as a Fire Instructor I, II or III from either:
- (A) the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC); or
  - (B) the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications issued by the Texas A&M Engineering

Extension Service using the 2007 or later edition of the NFPA standard applicable to this discipline<sup>20</sup> and meeting the requirements as specified in §439.1 of this title (relating to Requirements--General); or

(3) have completed the appropriate curriculum for Fire Service Instructor I contained in Chapter 8 of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual, or meet the equivalence as specified in §425.1 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor Certification); and

(4) successfully pass the applicable commission examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification).

#### **§425.5 Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor II Certification**

In order to be certified as a Fire Service Instructor II, an individual must:

(1) hold as a prerequisite a Fire Instructor I certification as defined in §425.3 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor I Certification); and

(2) have a minimum of three years of experience as defined in §421.5 of this title (relating to Definitions) in fire protection in one or more or any combination of the following:

(A) a paid, volunteer, or regulated non-governmental fire department; or

(B) a department of a state agency, education institution or political subdivision providing fire protection training and related responsibilities; and

(3) possess valid documentation as a Fire Instructor I, II or III from either:

(A) the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC); or

(B) the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications issued by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service using the 2007 or later edition of the NFPA standard applicable to this discipline and meeting the requirements as specified in §439.1 of this title (relating to Requirements--General); or

(4) have completed the appropriate curriculum for Fire Service Instructor II contained in Chapter 8 of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual, or meet the equivalence as specified in §425.1 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor Certification); and

(5) successfully pass the applicable commission examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification).

#### **§425.7 Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor III Certification**

In order to be certified as a Fire Service Instructor III an individual must:

(1) hold as a prerequisite, a Fire Instructor II Certification as defined in §425.5 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor II Certification); and

(2) have a minimum of three years of experience as defined in §421.5 of this title (relating to Definitions) in fire protection in one or more or any combination of the following:

(A) a paid, volunteer, or regulated non-governmental fire department; or

(B) a department of a state agency, education institution or political subdivision providing fire protection training and related responsibilities; and

(3) possess valid documentation of accreditation from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) as a Fire Instructor III; or

(4) have completed the appropriate curriculum for Fire Service Instructor III contained in Chapter 8 of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual, or meet the equivalence as specified in §425.1 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor Certification); and

(5) successfully pass the applicable commission examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification); and either

(A) hold as a prerequisite an advanced structural fire protection personnel certification, an advanced aircraft fire protection personnel certification, advanced marine fire protection personnel certification, advanced inspector certification, advanced fire investigator, or advanced arson investigator certification; or

(B) have 60 college hours from a regionally accredited educational institution; or

(C) hold an associate's degree from a regionally accredited educational institution.

#### **§425.9 Minimum Standards for Master Fire Service Instructor III Certification**

In order to be certified as a Master Fire Service Instructor III the individual must:

(1) hold as a prerequisite a Fire Service Instructor III certification; and

(2) be a member of a paid, volunteer, or regulated non-governmental fire department; or a department of a state agency, education institution or political subdivision providing fire protection training and related responsibilities; and

(3) hold as a prerequisite a master structural fire protection personnel certification, a master aircraft rescue fire fighting personnel certification, master marine fire protection personnel certification, master inspector certification, master fire investigator certification, or master arson investigator certification; or

(4) hold a bachelor's degree or higher in education from a regionally accredited educational institution or a teaching certificate issued by the Texas State Board of Education.

#### **§425.11 International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Seal**

(a) Individuals completing a commission approved Fire Service Instructor I training program and passing the applicable state examination may be granted an IFSAC seal for Instructor I by making application to the commission and paying the applicable fee.

(b) Individuals holding an IFSAC Instructor I seal, completing a commission approved Fire Service Instructor II training program, and passing the applicable state examination may be granted an IFSAC seal for Instructor II by making application to the commission and paying the applicable fee.

(c) Individuals holding an IFSAC Instructor II seal, completing a commission approved Fire Service Instructor III training program, and passing the applicable state examination may be granted an IFSAC seal for Instructor III by making application to the commission and paying the applicable fee.

(d) In order to qualify for an IFSAC seal, an individual must submit the application for the seal prior<sup>22</sup> to the expiration of the examination.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6**

6. Subjects for future agenda items.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7**

7. Future meeting dates.



**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8**

8. Adjourn meeting.