Fire Officer I

Candidate Handbook

Performance Standard

The NFPA 1021 Professional Qualifications for Fire Officer, will be the performance standard referenced for Fire Officer I certification.

Entrance Requirements

The Fire Officer I candidate must meet the following entrance requirements before certification can be issued:

- Candidate must be certified Fire Fighter II, as prescribed in NFPA 1001, Professional Qualifications for Fire Fighters.

- Candidate must be certified Fire Service Instructor I, as prescribed in NFPA 1041, Professional Qualifications for Fire Service Instructor.

- Candidate must have successfully completed FSC 1110 - Fire Administration - Supervision and Leadership course with a minimum of C or higher.

- Candidate must have successfully completed FSC 1121 – Firefighting Strategy and Tactics course with a minimum of C or higher.

Program Requirements

The instruction and evaluation given a Fire Officer I candidate who achieves certification is critical to ensuring a quality program. Training and evaluation of students must be accomplished by qualified individuals, certified at the prescribed level.

Candidate Evaluation

Evaluation of the candidate for certification is an important process. Candidates are evaluated in a manner that is completely separate from the educational and training process.

Practical Evaluation

Practical evaluations are intended to measure the manipulative skills of the Fire Officer I and will follow guidelines set forth in accordance with the policies and procedures of the WGTC Fire Academy. The agency is capable of testing 100% of the practical objectives; however, the examination will only test a pre-selected percentage based on the testing scenarios provided to the evaluator. A score of 70% shall constitute a passing grade for the candidate.
Written Examination
The written examination measures the cognitive skills of the Fire Service Officer I and will follow guidelines set forth in accordance with the policies and procedures of the WGTC Fire Academy. The examination will be randomly generated and consist of a minimum of seventy-five (75) questions. Candidates will have a maximum of 2 hours to complete the examination. A score of 70% or above shall constitute a passing grade for the candidate.

Re-Test Policy
Candidates are responsible for all of the skill practical projects required by the applicable standard during the practical exam. Candidates should be prepared to test on any skill practical projects outlined in the standard. The intent of this process is to insure that candidates are prepared to test on all skills practical projects required by a standard.

Each candidate testing for Fire Officer, Fire Instructor and Fire Inspector certification levels will be given a minimum of two (2) practical skills assignments at the conclusion of the written exam. The student will be given up to 2 hours to complete the skills, unless there is a time limit listed on the skill sheets. Practical project exams are graded on a pass/fail basis. Candidates must successfully complete all skills practical’s to receive a passing grade of 70% per practical project for the exam.

The skills sheets are available at: http://www.westgate.edu/Academics/FireScience/index.htm
Students must pass both Written and Skills Practical sections before the NPQS request for application is processed.

Appeal
All candidates have the right to appeal the decision of certification department, so long as the appeal is submitted in writing and in accordance with the Policies and Procedures of the WGTC Fire Academy.

Reciprocity
Issued only through the Georgia Firefighter Standards & Training Council.

Recertification
Each certificate issued to a candidate indicates the discipline and edition year that they were evaluated under at the time of certification. New certificates are not issued when the discipline changes.

Certification Issuance
A letter indicating successful completion of the requirements set forth under the National Fire Protection Association standards will be sent to the candidate and a copy to the GFSTC, who will issue the Application for National Registration and National Certification. The candidate uses this form to apply for the NPQS accreditation certificate.

Recommended Classes

- Fire Officer I course or curriculum

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