

SFFMA INDUSTRIAL FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

PROGRAM, TRAINING, TESTING, AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Any participating individual must have and maintain a current Individual Membership in the SFFMA, and be an active employee in good standing of a participating industrial facility.

Any participating facility must:

- maintain a current Industrial Facility membership in the SFFMA;
 - designate in the SFFMA system a Training Coordinator (See [Training Coordinator](#) below), who shall be an organization member named by the Fire Chief/Emergency Response Coordinator and responsible for submission of training verification, applications for certification, and other correspondence on behalf of the organization and its members. One person may serve as both the Fire Chief/Emergency Response Coordinator and Training Coordinator.
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CREDIT FOR TRAINING

Fire scene activity or response to actual alarms cannot be credited as training toward certification. Allowable training must be conducted in a controlled environment by competent instructional personnel.

Any training must meet the most current standards set by NFPA/OSHA.

SFFMA recognizes any:

- training conducted by an individual possessing an instructor's certificate granted by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP), State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas (SFFMA), or an equivalent credential granted by a recognized authority; or
 - testing accredited by IFSAC or ProBoard; or
 - courses taught by an accredited college or university; or
 - courses taught by state or federal agencies; or
 - courses taught by a commercial (for-profit) company to emergency response personnel must utilize classroom instructors who hold as a minimum Instructor I certification as established by NFPA 1041, or an equivalent credential issued by a recognized authority; or
 - courses taught by means of electronic media may be approved on the following basis:
 - i. Each course must receive the approval of Fire Chief/Emergency Response Coordinator or Training Coordinator.
 - ii. The responsibility for documentation, review and testing of the program topics will be that of the Training Coordinator.
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APPLICATION PROCESS

To file for SFFMA Industrial Firefighter certification the facility and applicant must meet participation requirements as listed in [Participation Requirements](#) section above

The Training Coordinator must complete the proper application form(s), ensure signature by all required individuals (photocopied, stamped and pencil-written signatures are not accepted), attach a record of all required training achieved and/or prerequisite certifications; and submit the application form, any required supporting documentation (certificates, etc.), and the required processing fee to the Austin Office. Allow 30-60 days for processing from date received in Austin office.

Effective dates are based on the date application is initially received in the Austin Office.

Upon approval of the application, the Austin Office will issue an Endorsement of Exam Eligibility letter for an individual who has not yet tested for the applicable Industrial Firefighter certification; issue the applicable SFFMA Industrial Firefighter certification for an individual who has successfully tested for the certification and met other prerequisites; and maintain a permanent record of the certification, once issued.

TRAINING COORDINATOR

The individual named as Training Coordinator for a facility will be responsible for submitting applications and other documents on behalf of facility personnel pursuing Industrial Firefighter certification. The Training Coordinator will also coordinate with SFFMA Austin staff to schedule testing of facility personnel as needed.

Only one Training Coordinator may be named per facility.

Contact SFFMA Industrial Coordinator via e-mail to name Training Coordinator (industrial@sffma.org).

Training Coordinator does not need to maintain individual membership in SFFMA.

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR INDUSTRIAL FIREFIGHTER

Reference materials

The facility in which the Industrial Firefighter serves must have access to the most current editions of the following reference material:

- *NFPA 1081: Standard for Facility Fire Brigade Member Professional Qualifications*
- *NFPA 472/1072: Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications*
- *NFPA 470: Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Standard for Responders*

The program offers two levels of Industrial Firefighter Certification:

SFFMA Industrial Firefighter I

Applicants must complete and document the following to obtain SFFMA Industrial Firefighter I certification:

- CPR, AED, and First Aid training
- ICS-100, ICS-200, and IS-700 as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- Hazardous Materials Technician certification in accordance with:
 - i. NFPA 472/1072; or
 - ii. OSHA 29CFR1910.120 (q); or
 - iii. proof of equivalent training in this discipline.
- Advanced Exterior Industrial Fire Brigade Member coursework meeting the requirements of NFPA 1081 or proof of equivalent training in this discipline, including successful demonstration of required skills.

SFFMA Industrial Firefighter II

Applicants must complete and document the following to obtain SFFMA Industrial Firefighter II certification:

- hold SFFMA Industrial Firefighter I certification, or have completed all requirements in item #1 above.
 - Interior Structural Industrial Fire Brigade Member coursework meeting the requirements of NFPA 1081, or proof of equivalent training in the discipline, including successful demonstration of required skills.
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CERTIFICATION TESTING FOR NON-IFSAC/PROBOARD CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

Minimum requirements for examinees:

The SFFMA examination(s) for Industrial Firefighter shall consist of a written examination. Reasonable accommodations will be made for individuals challenging the examination.

Eligibility

To qualify to take the examination, the individual must:

- possess a valid Endorsement of Exam Eligibility from SFFMA for the specific examination sought;
- bring to the test site and display upon request a valid Texas Driver's License or Texas Identification Card which contains a photograph of the examinee; and
- comply with all written and verbal instructions of the examiner.

Procedures

Procedures for conducting examinations are determined by SFFMA.

SFFMA shall prescribe the content of any certification examination that tests knowledge of the examinee concerning the discipline addressed by the examination.

An examinee who fails to pass an examination shall be given additional opportunities to pass the examination.

- Upon failure of each examination, the facility Fire Chief/Emergency Response Coordinator and Training Coordinator will be notified as to the applicant's failure and the specific area(s) in which the applicant did not qualify.
- After three (3) failures, the examinee will not be allowed to re-test for one (1) year after the date of the third test. In this situation it is strongly recommended that additional training be completed before the examinee attempts another re-test.

All official grading and notification shall come from the Austin Office. SFFMA shall inform the examinee of the test results as soon as reasonably possible after completion of the examination.

Upon successful completion of the examination, SFFMA will issue the applicable certificate, provided all other prerequisites for certification have been satisfied. A permanent record of the certification will be maintained in the Austin Office.

Grading

The minimum passing score for the examination shall be seventy percent (70%).

Reciprocity

The holder of the applicable IFSAC or ProBoard certificate(s) will qualify for SFFMA Industrial Firefighter certification with no test required upon submission of the proper fully-completed application forms, fees, and documentation of completion of other required prerequisites for the certification.