

Memorandum

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Subject: NEW CURRICULUM AND TRAINING PATH FOR FIREFIGHTER I

In March 2022, a Statewide Training Committee Ad Hoc Working Group was convened to streamline the Department's Training Program. This Ad Hoc Working Group was composed of Training Subject Matter Experts from Northern Region, Southern Region, and the Training Center.

The consensus of the Ad Hoc Working Group was to align Fire Control Training with National Fire Protection Association standards and State Fire Training (SFT) Curriculum. This alignment begins with the Firefighter I classification by approving previously acquired training to be accepted as equivalencies.

Beginning May 2, 2022, training for a Firefighter I will align with SFT Fire Fighter 1 Curriculum. The CAL FIRE Basic Firefighter (BFF) course will continue to be accepted for Firefighter I - Crew and Firefighter I - Engine, though the course will retire on September 1, 2022.

- Firefighter I - Crew will now require SFT Fire Fighter 1C: Wildland or the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) equivalent and the new Fire Protection Orientation Course. This combination will replace the Fire Crew Firefighter Course.
- Firefighter I - Engine will now require SFT Fire Fighter 1A: Structure, SFT Fire Fighter 1B: HazMat, and SFT Fire Fighter 1C: Wildland or the NWCG equivalent and the new Fire Protection Orientation Course.

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On May 9, 2022, CAL FIRE will begin transitioning to the Firefighter Academy (2022) (FFA-2022), a 4-week course requiring a SFT Fire Fighter 1 Certification as a prerequisite. CAL FIRE will continue a training track for those who attended a BFF Course. The CAL FIRE Training Center will continue to teach the current 7-week FFA (FFA-2019) until full implementation of SFT Fire Fighter 1 Certification on January 1, 2024.

Additional information can be found utilizing the pathways and links provided.

- Vector Solutions New Firefighter I Information Folder
CAL FIRE - Enterprise File Center > Enterprise Files > TRAINING > **NEW
FIREFIGHTER I INFORMATION
- [CAL FIRE Fire Protection Orientation](#)
- [SFT Fire Fighter 1A: Structure](#)
- [SFT Fire Fighter 1B: HazMat](#)
- [SFT Fire Fighter 1C: Wildland](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Firefighter I Flow Chart](#)
- [Important Dates](#)
- [CAL FIRE Equivalencies](#)

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