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88 **Promulgation and Purpose.**

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90 These Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council are
91 promulgated to establish the Policy & Procedures for the internal management and control of the
92 Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council as specified in the Official Code of Georgia
93 Annotated, Title 25, Chapter 3 - Article 2 and Chapter 4 and shall be entitled; “Rules & Regulations
94 for the Administration of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.” This
95 promulgation and purpose shall apply to all chapters included in these Rules & Regulations.
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100 **205-1-1-.01 Definitions.**

- 101 (1) **“Council”** means for the purpose of these Rules and Regulations the Georgia Firefighter
102 Standards and Training Council.
- 103 (2) **“Executive Director”** means for the purpose of this Chapter the executive director of the
104 Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 105 (3) **“Fire department”** means any department, agency, organization, or company operating in
106 this state with the intent and purpose of carrying out the duties, functions, powers, and
107 responsibilities normally associated with a fire department and which is authorized to exercise
108 the general and emergency powers enumerated in O.C.G.A. 25-3-1 and 25-3-2. These duties,
109 functions, powers, and responsibilities include but are not limited to the protection of life and
110 property against fire, explosions, or other hazards.
- 111 (4) **“Firefighter”** means any able-bodied person at least 18 years of age who has been duly
112 appointed by a legally constituted fire department and who has the responsibility of preventing
113 and suppressing fires, protecting life and property, and performing other duties enumerated in
114 O.C.G.A. 25-3-1 and 25-3-2.
- 115 (5) **“GFSTC”** means the Executive Director and personnel of the Georgia Firefighter Standards
116 and Training Council.
- 117 (6) **“GFSTC Staff”** means the personnel who work under the direction of the Executive Director.
- 118 (7) **“Probation”** means an action taken by Council when certified personnel commit acts in
119 violation of the Rules & Regulations and/or Policy & Procedures of the Georgia Firefighter
120 Standards and Training Council.

121 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-3-21, 25-4-2, 25-4-7, and 25-4-10

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123 **205-1-1-.02 Organization.**

- 124 (1) The Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council hereinafter referred to as "Council"
125 shall consist of the duly appointed members as specified under O.C.G.A. §25-4-6.
- 126 (a) Six members of the Council in attendance at a called meeting, either in person or
127 electronically, shall constitute a quorum.
- 128 (b) The Council shall hold at least two regular meetings each year at the call of the chairperson
129 or upon the written request of at least six members of the Council.
- 130 (c) At the first regular meeting of the Council held in each even-numbered year, the Council
131 shall elect a chairperson.
- 132 (d) At the first regular meeting of the Council held in each even-numbered year, the Council
133 shall elect other officers from its own membership as it deems necessary.
- 134 (e) The chairperson and other elected officers shall serve until successors are elected by the
135 council as provided in O.C.G.A. §25-4-3.
- 136 (f) Each member of the Council shall be entitled to receive the same expense and mileage
137 allowance authorized for members of professional licensing boards by subsection (f) of
138 O.C.G.A. 43-1-2 incurred while carrying out their official duties of the council. The funds
139 for such expenses and allowances shall be paid from funds appropriated or available to the
140 Department of Public Safety.
- 141 (2) The Council shall adopt such Rules & Regulations as necessary for the transaction of its
142 business.

- 143 (3) The Council may designate an advisory committee to assist and advise the Council in carrying
144 out its duties specified under Chapter 4 of Title 25.
- 145 (a) Such advisory committee shall not consist of more than three (3) members and shall be
146 representative of the fire service with experience or expertise in such matters to be studied.
- 147 (b) Such advisory committee members shall serve in an advisory capacity only, without voting
148 privileges.
- 149 (c) The members of any such advisory committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Council.
- 150 (d) Each member of an advisory committee of the Council, shall be entitled to receive the same
151 expense and mileage allowance authorized for members of professional licensing boards
152 by subsection (f) of O.C.G.A. §43-1-2 incurred while carrying out their official duties of
153 the council. The funds for such expenses and allowances shall be paid from funds
154 appropriated or available to the Department of Public Safety.
- 155 (4) The Council shall make annual reports to the Governor of Georgia and the members of the
156 Georgia General Assembly.
- 157 (a) Such reports shall be in writing and indicate:
- 158 1. The activities of the Council from the past year.
- 159 2. Recommendations for appropriate legislation to assist in the Council's charge and
160 responsibilities.
- 161 (b) Copies shall be distributed to each member of the Council by the Executive Director prior
162 to filing with the Governor.
- 163 (c) Copies of the Council report shall not be required to be distributed to the membership of
164 the General Assembly provided the Executive Director notifies the members of the General
165 Assembly of the availability of the report in a manner which the Council deems to be most
166 effective and efficient.
- 167 (5) The public may obtain information or make submissions or requests to the Council at or through
168 the Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council's office by mail or electronic
169 submission. Members of the Standards and Training Council shall be updated at each Council
170 meeting of such requests since the last council meeting.

171 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-4-3, 25-4-6, & 43-1-2

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173 **205-1-1-.03 Appointment of the Executive Director.**

- 174 (1) The Council shall appoint the Executive Director who shall serve at the pleasure of the Council.
- 175 (2) The Council shall establish the compensation of the Executive Director.
- 176 (3) Annual reviews shall be provided to the Executive Director by the Council.

177 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-4-7.1 & 50-13-21.

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179 **205-1-1-.04 Duties of the Executive Director.**

- 180 (1) The Executive Director may employ such other managerial, professional, technical, and
181 clerical personnel as required to conduct the business of the Council with the approval of the
182 Council.

- 183 (2) The Executive Director may contract for such services as may be necessary and convenient
184 to carry out the business of the Council as approved by the Council.
- 185 (3) The Executive Director may enter into contracts. Such contracts shall be for either monetary
186 or in kind services received or rendered by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training
187 Council.
- 188 (4) The Executive Director shall provide a budget report to the Council regarding expenditures,
189 personnel, and Staffing needs of the GFSTC.
- 190 (5) The Executive Director shall compile an annual report for the Governor and the members of
191 the Georgia General Assembly. The annual report shall be submitted to the Council for
192 review and approval a minimum of 30 days prior to the submission to the executive branch.
- 193 (6) The Executive Director shall determine department compliance and issue Certificates of
194 Compliance to fire departments and their individual stations that exhibit compliance with the
195 minimum requirements as approved by the Council. The Fire Department Certificate of
196 Compliance is and shall remain the property of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and
197 Training Council and may be revoked following due process for violations of the laws of the
198 State of Georgia or Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training
199 Council.
- 200 (7) The Executive Director shall issue Certificates of Compliance for State Certification and/or
201 Volunteer Registration for Firefighters that exhibit compliance with the minimum
202 requirements as approved by the Council. The Firefighters' Certificate(s) of Compliance is
203 (are) and shall remain the property of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council
204 and may be revoked following due process for violations of the laws of the state of Georgia
205 or Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 206 (8) The Executive Director shall determine the need and time-frame to conduct on-site reviews
207 at fire departments operating in the State of Georgia. On-site reviews are designed to ensure
208 that agencies and personnel meet and continue to meet minimum requirements as established
209 in O.C.G.A. 25-3, Article 2 and O.C.G.A. 25-4 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia
210 Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 211 (9) The Executive Director may place the certification(s)/registration of any person
212 certified/registered by the GFSTC on probation/suspension upon notice that the person has
213 committed a violation of Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and
214 Training Council. With Council approval the individual may be decertified based on an
215 investigation of the violation.
- 216 (10) The Executive Director may void test results in the event that it is determined that some form
217 of misconduct or deception was involved in the testing process.
- 218 (11) The Executive Director shall cooperate with newly formed and existing fire departments to
219 ensure that all fire departments in this state are in compliance.
- 220 (12) The Executive Director shall have the authority to administer the Rules & Regulations and
221 the Policy & Procedures of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council. The
222 Executive Director shall ensure that all business conducted by the GFSTC is done in
223 accordance with GFSTC Vision, Mission and Core Values statements.

224 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-3-23 25-3-24, 25-3-25, 25-3-26, 25-4-6, 25-4-7, & 25-4-7.1.

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CHAPTER 205-1-2
Fire Departments Operating in the
State of the Georgia

205-1-2-.01 Definitions.

- (1) **"Airport"** means any airport located in this state which has regularly scheduled commercial air carrier service or commuter airline service as required for certification under Section 139.49 of the Federal Aviation Administration regulations.
- (2) **"Airport Firefighter"** means any person assigned to any airport located in this state that performs the duties of aircraft fire fighting or rescue.
- (3) **"Fire Chief"** means the Chief Administrative Officer of a Fire Department.
- (4) **"Records Review"** means a review of records developed at the local fire department to be maintained and available for review upon request by GFSTC.
- (5) **"Volunteer"** means not employed for compensation but appointed, registered, and regularly enrolled to serve as a firefighter for any municipal, county, state, or private incorporated fire department.
- (6) **"Volunteer Support Firefighter"** means a registered firefighter who has been trained to the level of Volunteer Support Firefighter and passed the Volunteer Support Firefighter test as specified by the Council.
- (7) **"Volunteer Suppression Firefighter"** means a registered firefighter who has been trained to the level of Volunteer Suppression Firefighter and passed the Volunteer Suppression Firefighter test, to include live structure fire training, as specified by the Council.

Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-3-21, 25-4-2, 25-4-7, and 25-4-10

205-1-2-.02 Minimum Requirements for Fire Departments

- (1) Recognizing that fire departments operating in the State of Georgia cannot function effectively and efficiently as full-time fire departments without meeting or exceeding the minimum requirements established by Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Title 25, Chapter 3 - Article 2. It is the intent of these Rules & Regulations to establish the minimum requirements for all fire departments operating in this state in order to receive a Certificate of Compliance.
 - (a) Legally organized fire departments shall be established as an entity of the State of Georgia or a political sub-division of the State of Georgia (a city, county, board, etc.)
 - (b) Legally organized fire departments may exist as a private corporation incorporated either for-profit or not-for-profit through the State of Georgia Secretary of State and has a written contract to provide fire and emergency services with one or more local governments in Georgia.
- (2) No fire department shall exercise the general and emergency powers set forth in O.C.G.A. §25-3-1 and §25-3-2 without obtaining a Certificate of Compliance issued from the Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council.
- (3) Fire departments operating in the State of Georgia shall be established to provide fire and other emergency and nonemergency services in accordance with the applicable state laws, local government ordinances, and the minimum standards specified by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council. These fire departments shall:

- 270 (a) Be capable of providing fire protection 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. Understanding
271 the nature of the fire service in the State of Georgia, this may be accomplished through the
272 use of mutual-aid or automatic-aid agreements with neighboring fire departments.
- 273 (b) Be responsible for a defined area of operations depicted on a map located at the responding
274 fire station(s). This area of operations as depicted on the map shall have been approved
275 and designated by the governing authority of the applicable county, municipality, or other
276 political subdivision in the case of any county, municipal, or private corporation fire
277 department.
- 278 (c) Be Staffed with a minimum number of trained Volunteer Suppression or State Certified
279 Firefighters who have successfully completed basic firefighter training as specified by the
280 Council.
- 281 1. Minimum Staffing shall be four (4) Volunteer Suppression or State Certified
282 Firefighters per station. An average of six (6) members per station, of which 2 of the
283 6 may be Volunteer Support Firefighters, is recommended. The minimum number of
284 firefighters will be calculated as an aggregate total for the entire department.
 - 285 2. Each firefighter must be at least 18 years of age.
 - 286 3. Each firefighter must be duly appointed by a legally organized and compliant fire
287 department.
- 288 (4) A legally organized fire department shall purchase and maintain insurance coverage in a
289 sufficient amount for coverage on each member of the fire department to pay claims for injuries
290 sustained enroute to, during, and returning from emergency calls, disasters, scheduled training
291 sessions and other department-required activities. Upon cancellation or reinstatement of any
292 policy for the coverage of each member of the fire department, the Executive Director of the
293 Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council shall be notified immediately.
- 294 (a) ACCG members shall provide the current Estimated Payroll Request form.
 - 295 (b) GMA members shall provide the current Estimated Annual Premium form.
 - 296 (c) Departments using other insurance carriers may provide a copy of the insurance policy, a
297 council/commission resolution or other proof of insurance coverage.
- 298 (5) The GFSTC Compliance Package must be submitted to GFSTC. In addition to the completed
299 Compliance Application, the department shall include the following documentation:
- 300 (a) A defined area of operation for each station shall be depicted on a map not less than 8.5 x
301 11 shall be filed with the application for a Certificate of Compliance.
 - 302 (b) A letter from the governing authority of the applicable county, municipality or other
303 political subdivision in the case of any county, municipal or private corporation fire
304 department approving the designated area of authority.
 - 305 (c) An affidavit from the governing authority of the applicable county, municipality, or other
306 political subdivision in the case of any county, municipal or volunteer fire department
307 indicating the operation of the department's intent and purpose of carrying out the duties,
308 functions, powers, and responsibilities normally associated with the operation of a fire
309 department and the ability to provide fire protection for the area of operation filed with the
310 application for Certificate of Compliance 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.
 - 311 (d) A copy of the insurance certificate or proof otherwise of insurance coverage in a sufficient
312 amount for coverage on each member of the fire department to pay claims for injuries
313 sustained en route to, during, and returning from emergency calls, disasters, scheduled

314 training sessions and other department-required activities. Upon cancellation or
315 reinstatement of any policy for the coverage of each member of the fire department, the
316 executive director of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council shall be
317 notified immediately but no less than two business days.

318 (6) Before a fire department may begin legal operations, an on-site review must be conducted by
319 GFSTC Staff to confirm the information contained in the Compliance Package.

320 (7) Documentation from the Safety Fire Division of the Office of the Insurance and Safety Fire
321 Commissioner indicating that the fire department is, and remains, in compliance with the
322 reporting requirements for fires by state law as specified in O.C.G.A. §25-2-
323 32(b) and provided for by §25-3-24.

324 (8) The Executive Director of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council shall issue
325 a Certificate of Compliance according to Rules & Regulations and Policy & Procedures of the
326 Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.

327 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-3-4, 25-3-20, 25-3-22, 25-3-23, & 25-3-24.

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329 **205-1-2-.03 Minimum Equipment Required for County, Municipal or Private Corporation**
330 **Fire Departments**

331 (1) Each fire station, unless granted an exemption as approved by the Council shall possess a
332 minimum of one equipped, operable pumper with a capacity of at least 750 gpm at 150 psi and
333 a tank capacity of a minimum 250 gallons. (A minimum of a 500 gallon tank capacity is
334 recommended). Previously approved fire apparatus which does not meet this minimum
335 standard or recommendation may be used in lieu of the minimum required pumper until total
336 replacement or chassis replacement by the local authority until January 1, 2025. The
337 previously approved fire apparatus may be retained for use as a mobile water supply, brush
338 truck, etc., however, not for structure fires involving interior fire attack or search and rescue
339 operations in structures normally occupied by human inhabitants.

340 (2) A minimum of the following equipment, appliances, adapters, and accessories for structural
341 pumper apparatus shall include:

342 (a) 400 feet of 1½", 1¾", or 2" double-jacketed, lined fire hose

343 (b) Two (2) handline nozzles, 95 gpm minimum

344 (c) Two (2) portable fire extinguishers suitable for use on class A, B, and C fires, with a
345 minimum rating of 80BC for dry chemical, 10BC CO₂ or 2½ gallon water extinguishers

346 (d) Self-contained breathing apparatus to allow for each on-scene Firefighter to safely perform
347 the duties of a Firefighter while engaged in emergency operations in accordance with the
348 general criteria of NFPA 1981, *Standard on Open Circuit Self-Contained Breathing*
349 *Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services*.

350 (e) One (1) spare SCBA cylinder for each SCBA carried

351 (f) One (1) 12 foot or longer fire service rated roof ladder

352 (g) One (1) 24 foot or longer fire service rated extension ladder

353 (h) One (1) pick head ax

354 (i) One (1) flat head ax

355 (j) One (1) pike pole or plaster hook (minimum 6-feet in length)

- 356 (k) One (1) claw tool or multipurpose, forcible entry tool (minimum 30-inches in length)
- 357 (l) One (1) bolt cutter (minimum 24-inches in length)
- 358 (m) One (1) crowbar or pry bar
- 359 (n) Two (2) functioning portable battery-powered hand lights
- 360 (o) Wheel chock(s)
- 361 (p) One (1) two-way radio assigned to the apparatus
- 362 (q) One (1) ANSI approved traffic vest per assigned seating position (exception: if assigned
- 363 to each member it is not necessary to be on apparatus.)
- 364 (r) Two (2) Spanner wrenches or suitable hose fastening wrench
- 365 (s) One (1) hydrant wrench
- 366 (t) One (1) double male coupling
- 367 (u) One (1) double female coupling
- 368 (v) One (1) folding ladder
- 369 (w) One (1) salvage cover or material suitable for fire service salvage operations.
- 370 (x) 500 feet of 2½” diameter or larger supply hose to meet the jurisdiction needs
- 371 (3) Personal protective clothing to allow for each on-scene Firefighter to safely perform the duties
- 372 of a Structural Firefighter while engaged in fighting a structure fire.
- 373 (a) Personal protective clothing shall include a helmet, coat, pants, boots, gloves, and hood
- 374 that meet NFPA standards at the time of manufacture.
- 375 (b) All personal protective clothing shall be in good repair.
- 376 1. It is recommended that the condition of all equipment be checked after each use and
- 377 on an annual basis to ensure that the integrity of the equipment is maintained for
- 378 emergency use and follows manufacturers’ recommendations for cleaning and
- 379 replacement.
- 380 (c) A sampling of the department’s protective clothing shall be made available to GFSTC Staff
- 381 during an on-site review.

382 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-3-23 & 25-3-24.

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384 **205-1-2-.04 Requirements for Airport Fire Department Compliance**

- 385 (1) Airport fire departments shall meet minimum requirements for fire departments as described
- 386 in Rule 205-1-2.01 of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council Rules &
- 387 Regulations. To be legally organized, an airport fire department shall comply with the
- 388 following requirements:
- 389 (a) Established to provide fire and other emergency and non-emergency services in accordance
- 390 with standards specified by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Rules &
- 391 Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 392 (b) Capable of providing rescue and fire protection during air carrier operations at the airport,
- 393 as specified by Federal Aviation Administration regulations.

394 (c) Responsible for a defined area of operation depicted on a map and prominently displayed
395 in the fire station. The area of operation shall have been approved and designated by the
396 governing authority of the airport.

397 (d) In order for Airport Fire Departments to be considered for the issuance of a Certificate of
398 Compliance they shall be staffed with a minimum number of ARFF trained firefighters.

399 1. Minimum Staffing shall be a minimum of four (4) State Certified Airport Firefighters
400 per station. An average of six (6) is recommended. The minimum number of
401 firefighters will be calculated as an aggregate total for the entire fire department.

402 2. Each firefighter must be at least 18 years of age.

403 3. Each firefighter must be duly appointed by a legally organized and compliant fire
404 department.

405 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-3-20, 25-3-24 & 25-4-2.

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407 **205-1-2-.05 Minimum Equipment Required for Airport Fire Departments.**

408 (1) Each ARFF fire station, unless granted an exemption as approved by the Council, shall possess
409 a minimum of one equipped, operable ARFF-rated apparatus and equipment meeting the
410 applicable index requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration.

411 (2) Self-contained breathing apparatus to allow for each on-scene Aircraft Rescue Firefighter to
412 safely perform the duties of an Aircraft Rescue Firefighter while engaged in emergency
413 operations.

414 (3) A minimum of the following equipment, appliances, adapters, and accessories for an ARFF
415 pumper apparatus shall include:

416 (a) One (1) ground ladder

417 (b) One (1) section of NFPA compliant hose of minimum 2½ -inch diameter for tank fill

418 (c) Two (2) appropriate spanner wrenches for the fittings on the vehicle

419 (d) One (1) hydrant wrench or other wrench necessary to activate the local water supply

420 (e) One (1) skin penetrator/agent applicator

421 (f) Appropriate wheel chocks

422 (g) 100 feet of utility rope

423 (h) Two (2) axes, non-wedge type (crash axes)

424 (i) One (1) fire-resistant blanket

425 (j) One (1) bolt cutters (minimum 24-inches in length)

426 (k) One (1) multipurpose, forcible entry tool (minimum 30-inches in length)

427 (l) Two (2) functioning intrinsically safe flashlights

428 (m) Two (2) harness cutting tools

429 (n) One (1) hook, grab, or salvage tool

430 (o) One (1) first aid kit

431 (p) One (1) four-pound hammer

432 (q) Set of hydraulic extrication tools or an agreement with a responding fire department

- 433 (4) Possess and equip rescue and firefighting personnel with personal protective clothing and
434 equipment needed to perform their duties in a safe manner.
- 435 (a) Personal protective clothing shall include an approved helmet, coat, pants, boots, gloves,
436 and hood.
- 437 (b) All personal protective clothing shall be in good repair.
- 438 1. It is recommended that the condition of all equipment be checked after each use and
439 on an annual basis to ensure that the integrity of the equipment is maintained for
440 emergency use and follows manufacturers' recommendations for cleaning and
441 replacement.
- 442 (c) All personal protective clothing shall meet the appropriate NFPA and Federal Aviation
443 Administration standards at the time of manufacture.

444 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-3-20 & 25-3-24.

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446 **205-1-2-.06 Minimum Equipment Required for Apparatus Other Than Fire Department**
447 **Pumper and ARFF Apparatus.**

448 (1) A fire station shall possess a compliant fire department apparatus in order to receive a
449 Certificate of Compliance. This section allows for compliance for stations that are granted
450 exemption for pumper or ARFF apparatus by the Executive Director based on a list of
451 equipment as approved by the Council. It establishes minimum equipment for the apparatus
452 in those stations with one of the following types of apparatus:

- 453 (a) Aerial *
- 454 (b) Fire Boat*
- 455 (c) Mobile Water Supply (Tanker/Tender)*
- 456 (d) Rescue/Squad*
- 457 (e) Service*
- 458 (f) Trench Rescue*
- 459 (g) Other apparatus as approved by GFSTC*

460 * Please see Appendix A

461 (2) Each apparatus type listed in 205-1-2-.05(1) must be equipped with the equipment, appliances,
462 adapters, and accessories necessary to perform and carry out the duties and responsibilities of
463 a fire department set forth in O.C.G.A. §25-3-1 and §25-3-2 as approved by the Georgia
464 Firefighter Standards and Training Council.

465 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-3-20 & 25-3-24.

466 **205-1-2-.07 Training Records and Reports**

- 467 (1) The fire department shall maintain required records which can be made available to GFSTC
468 Staff upon request for the purpose of records review.
- 469 (2) The fire department shall submit an end-of-year training report to GFSTC confirming that all
470 personnel have met minimum training requirements as established by the Council.

471 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§ 25-3-24, 25-3-26, & 25-4-10

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474 **205-1-2-.08 Request for Waiver or Extension of Existing Requirement**

475 (1) Except as otherwise provided by law and for good cause shown, the Executive Director may,
476 in the exercise of his/her discretion, grant a waiver or waivers of an existing requirement or
477 grant a reasonable period or periods of extension of any requirement imposed on a fire
478 department under these Rules & Regulations. All requests for waivers or extensions must be
479 submitted in writing to the Executive Director by the fire chief of the affected department.

480 (2) The written request must contain the following information:

481 (a) Name, present address, and telephone number of person requesting waiver or extension,
482 and;

483 (b) A statement clearly outlining why the requestor feels that a waiver or extension is justified.

484 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§ 25-3-23, 25-3-25, 25-3-26, 25-4-3, 25-4-6, 25-4-7, 25-4-7.1, 33-2-9, & 50-13-9.1.

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CHAPTER 205-1-3

Minimum Requirements for Firefighters Operating in the State of Georgia

205-1-3-.01 Definitions.

- (1) "**Candidate**" means a prospective firefighter who has not yet been certified by the Council as having met the requirements of this chapter.
- (2) "**Certified**" means any individual requiring state certification who has been certified as having met the requirements established by the Council.
- (3) "**Certified Firefighter**" or "**State Certified Firefighter**" means any firefighter who has been certified by the Council as having met the requirements of this chapter.
- (4) "**Compensation**" means paid on an hourly or salaried basis.
- (5) "**Continued Annual Training**" means the professional development training needed to meet minimum requirements to maintain certification(s)/registration each calendar year as approved by the Fire Chief.
- (6) "**Continued Certification**" means having met the minimum professional development training required each calendar year for those individuals who are certified by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council to maintain their certification(s).
- (7) "**Designee**" means the representative designated by the fire chief to deal with matters of the Council.
- (8) "**Fire and Life Safety Educator**" means a person who is trained to deliver fire and life safety training programs to the general public.
- (9) "**Fire Department Training Officer**" means the person responsible for administrative work in planning, organizing, coordinating, and directing training activities of the Fire Department.
- (10) "**Firefighter**" means any able-bodied person at least 18 years of age who has been duly appointed by a legally constituted fire department and who has the responsibility of preventing and suppressing fires, protecting life and property, and performing other duties enumerated in O.C.G.A. §25-3-1 and §25-3-2.
- (11) "**Fire Inspector**" means a person who is trained to perform fire and life safety inspections of all types of new construction and existing occupancies.
- (12) "**Fire Investigator**" means a person who is trained to investigate and determine fire cause and origin.
- (13) "**Fire Service Instructor**" means the person responsible for delivering instruction effectively from prepared materials at the direction, and often under the supervision, of the Fire Department Training Officer.
- (14) "**Full-time**" or "**Career**" means employed for compensation on a basis of at least 40 hours per week by any municipal, county, state, or private incorporated fire department.
- (15) "**Georgia Fire Academy**" or "**GFA**" means a division of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center that is responsible for training fire service personnel.
- (16) "**Inmate Firefighter**" means an individual currently serving a sentence as a Georgia Department of Corrections inmate and currently enrolled, or who has successfully

552 completed, the Georgia Department of Corrections Inmate Firefighter training program, and
553 is recognized by the Georgia Department of Corrections as such.

554 (17) **“Live Fire Training”** means a structure fire control class conducted by the Georgia Fire
555 Academy or a structure fire control class conducted at another location where at least one
556 qualified instructor has completed the “Structural Fire Control Instructor” course and
557 conducted in accordance with the current edition of NFPA 1403.

558 (18) **“Part-time”** means employed for compensation for an average of less than 30 hours per
559 week by any municipal, county, state, or private incorporated fire department.

560 (19) **“Professional Development”** means training that meets a national or state standard, or
561 addresses a specific area of local service delivery (this does not include daily duties such as
562 maintenance, territory study, equipment checks, etc., unless it is for a recruit or probationary
563 personnel) and performed in a classroom, at a conference, a drill field setting, etc. with
564 instruction by an individual deemed to be qualified by the fire chief.

565 (20) **“Recertification”** means restoring the certification(s) to those individuals who have lost
566 their certification(s).

567 (21) **“Recruit”** means a prospective firefighter who has not yet been certified or registered by the
568 Council as having met the requirements of O.C.G.A 25-4 and these Rules & Regulations.

569 (22) **“Registered”** means that the fire department has submitted necessary paperwork to GFSTC
570 to add the individual to the department’s roster and to document that the individual has
571 completed minimum training as required under O.C.G.A 25-4 and these Rules &
572 Regulations.

573 (23) **“Registered Volunteer”** means “Volunteer Suppression Firefighter”.

574 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-3-21, 25-4-2, 25-4-7, & 25-4-10

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576 **205-1-3-.02 Registration.**

577 (1) All active fire service personnel, except civilian personnel, must be registered with GFSTC.

578 (2) All members of any fire department operating in the State of Georgia must be registered with
579 GFSTC immediately upon appointment with the fire department. As of the approval date for
580 this document, within 30 days the fire department shall review its roster and ensure that all
581 personnel are registered in the GFSTC database. If personnel are already in the database, the
582 department may correct the roster electronically on the GFSTC website or may submit a
583 Candidate Initial Registration form for all members not currently in the GFSTC database. The
584 registration process is not completed until a Registration or Certification Application form is
585 submitted for each individual to GFSTC.

586 (a) The fire department shall verify the status of all fire service personnel on their roster in the
587 GFSTC database as assigned to one of the following categories:

588 1. C - Career Firefighter

589 2. P - Part-Time Firefighter

590 3. V - Volunteer Suppression Firefighter

591 4. S - Volunteer Support Firefighter

592 5. I - Inmate Firefighter

593 6. R - Recruit

- 594 7. O - Student in Technical College/Private School
- 595 (b) Initial registration shall be reported using the Candidate Initial Registration form.
- 596 (c) The Registration process is not complete until the fire department submits a Registration
597 or Certification Application.
- 598 (d) Any time the status of an individual changes this information must be reported to GFSTC
599 using an electronic or paper Change of Status form.
- 600 (e) A fire department may, when necessary, submit an electronic or paper Change of Status
601 form notifying GFSTC and requesting of military leave of absence for any fire service
602 personnel receiving orders for a deployment of six (6) months or greater.
- 603 1. In addition, the fire department shall submit a copy of the individual's deployment
604 orders to GFSTC.
- 605 2. The fire department shall submit a copy of the individual's release from duty orders to
606 GFSTC along with a Change of Status form for personnel returning to the fire
607 department from military service.
- 608 (f) A fire department may, when necessary, submit an electronic or paper Change of Status
609 form notifying and requesting an extended medical leave of absence for any fire service
610 personnel.
- 611 1. A fire department choosing to request an extended medical leave of absence for any
612 fire service personnel that will not complete the minimum 24 (twenty-four) hours
613 required annual training must submit a written doctor's excuse or letter of authorization
614 from the fire chief. GFSTC does not require that the doctor's diagnosis be included,
615 just that the doctor has placed the employee on extended medical leave.
- 616 2. Upon their return, the fire department must submit a doctor's release or letter of
617 authorization from the fire chief for the individual's to return to duty.
- 618 3. Any leave of absence request shall be considered on a case-by-case basis by the
619 Executive Director.
- 620 (2) All registered members of any fire department operating in the State of Georgia shall:
- 621 (a) Be at least 18 years of age as verified by the Fire Chief or his/her designee through an
622 inspection of a birth certificate, a valid Georgia Drivers' License, or a government issued
623 photo identification that includes the applicant's date of birth.
- 624 (b) Be a legal United States citizen or possess valid and current documentation to be legally
625 employed in the State of Georgia.
- 626 (c) Not have been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction within ten years prior to
627 appointment (except as provided in O.C.G.A. §25-4-8).*
- 628 1. For registration of volunteer personnel, original or certified copies of the original
629 criminal history search made of local and state databases to disclose any criminal
630 record.
- 631 2. Personnel seeking State Certification shall be fingerprinted and a search made of local,
632 state, and national fingerprint files to disclose any criminal record.
- 633 3. It is recommended that a search of national criminal information databases be
634 conducted on all applicants in addition to the local and state search.
- 635 4. Criminal history documents used to determine eligibility for fire service personnel
636 must be current.

- 637 * 5. Inmate firefighters must be enrolled in or have successfully completed the State of
 638 Georgia Department of Corrections approved inmate firefighter program. Inmate
 639 firefighters must:
- 640 a. Be minimum security
 - 641 b. Have no physical limitations
 - 642 c. Have no arson convictions
 - 643 d. Have no sexual offense convictions
 - 644 e. Have or be actively working toward a high school diploma or GED
- 645 (d) Have a good moral character as determined by investigation of the criminal history of the
 646 candidate to verify that there are no recent patterns of criminal involvement or intent
 647 related to stealing, cheating, lying, or other offenses that may indicate a disregard for the
 648 law or ethical and moral conduct.
- 649 (3) To complete requirements for registration of volunteer fire service personnel, the fire
 650 department shall complete, and maintain for on-site review, a Volunteer Registration Package
 651 and complete and submit the Volunteer Registration Application.
- 652 (4) To complete requirements for registration of State Certified personnel, the fire department
 653 shall complete, and maintain for on-site review, a Certification Package and complete and
 654 submit a Certification Application.
- 655 Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-4-7.

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657 **205-1-3-.03 Notification to GFSTC of Personnel Separation and Surrender of Certification.**

- 658 (1) The fire department shall notify GFSTC at any time registered personnel leave the department.
 659 This shall be done through submission of an electronic or paper Change of Status form.
- 660 (2) In addition, the fire department shall give GFSTC the reason for the separation.
- 661 (3) If a fire service member is required by a medical doctor to relinquish any or all of the essential
 662 duties required to perform their job description, he/she must notify GFSTC and voluntarily
 663 surrender his/her certification(s). *For example, a State Certified Firefighter who is also a State*
 664 *Certified Fire Inspector who can no longer perform the essential functions of his/her job as a*
 665 *Firefighter may, at the discretion of the local fire department, continue as a Fire Inspector.*
 666 *This person would be required to voluntarily surrender their State Firefighter Certification*
 667 *but retain their State Certification as a Fire Inspector and would have to continue to meet*
 668 *requirements for continued certification.*
- 669 (4) A State Certification may be voluntarily surrendered at any time.

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671 **205-1-3-.04 Classifications of Fire Service Personnel.**

- 672 (1) These Rules & Regulations are further established to provide for the Policy & Procedures for
 673 various classifications of fire service personnel.
- 674 (2) All State Certified fire service personnel shall be members of a compliant fire department
 675 operating in the State of Georgia.
- 676 (3) All fire service personnel shall successfully complete basic training relative to the job
 677 description for the position they are appointed or hired to perform.

- 678 (4) Regardless of out of state certifications held by candidates, the Georgia Firefighter Standards
679 and Training Council requires firefighters be tested for Volunteer Support, Volunteer
680 Suppression Firefighter, or State Certified Firefighter. Upon appointment or employment,
681 candidates have one year from the initial ~~of~~ hire or appointment date to complete the required
682 training and test with the GFSTC.
- 683 (5) GFSTC shall certify individuals who have successfully completed requirements outlined in
684 the Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council for state
685 certification.
- 686 (6) State Certified Fire Service Personnel (Full-time firefighters):
- 687 (a) Gain and Continue Certification Classifications:
- 688 1. All firefighters employed as full-time employees by any fire department operating in
689 the State of Georgia shall be State Certified.
 - 690 2. For all other fire service personnel, state certification is optional unless mandated by
691 the local fire department.
 - 692 3. For any certifications issued by GFSTC an individual must complete basic training for
693 the level of appointment and pass the State of Georgia certification test. They shall:
 - 694 a. Successfully completed the basic training program as approved by the Council
695 relative to the job description for the position they are hired to perform and pass a
696 required certification test.
 - 697 b. Received training in another state determined by GFSTC to be equivalent to the
698 basic training program described above and passed a required certification test.
 - 699 c. Received training as a federal firefighter by the United States government
700 determined by GFSTC to be equivalent to the basic training program described
701 above and passed a required certification test.
 - 702 4. To complete requirements for State Certification, the fire department must complete
703 and properly store the Certification Package, and complete and submit the Certification
704 Application to GFSTC. These documents verify that the candidate:
 - 705 a. Is at least 18 years of age.
 - 706 b. Has not been convicted of a felony in the past ten (10) years (except as provided
707 in O.C.G.A. §25-4-8). Criminal history documents used to determine eligibility
708 for fire service personnel must be current.
 - 709 c. Has an affidavit of good moral character as determined by investigation approved
710 by the Council and signed by the fire chief.
 - 711 d. Has successfully completed the minimum physical agility requirements as
712 established by the Council.
 - 713 e. Has a signed medical affidavit indicating that he/she is in good physical condition
714 as determined by a medical examination approved by the Council.
 - 715 f. Has a high school diploma from an accredited high school, a state issued general
716 education development equivalency (GED) or the Home School Affidavit (as
717 approved by the Council).
 - 718 g. Has successfully completed the Council-approved minimum training course
719 curriculum or equivalent

- 720 h. Has successfully completed the certification examination as approved by the
721 Council within one (1) year.
- 722 5. To continue their registration and State Certification status fire service personnel who
723 are certified by GFSTC must meet minimum requirements each calendar year
724 following the year of certification:
- 725 a. Successful completion of a total of 24 hours of professional development training
726 each year as approved by the Fire Chief is required for continuation of any or all
727 State Certifications. “Professional Development” means training that meets a
728 national or state standard, or addresses a specific area of local service delivery (this
729 does not include daily duties such as maintenance, territory study, equipment
730 checks, etc. unless it is for a recruit or probationary personnel) and performed in a
731 classroom, at a conference, a drill field setting, etc. with instruction by an
732 individual deemed to be qualified by the fire chief. Such hours may be credited
733 toward the maintenance of any and all certifications as approved by the Council.
- 734 b. Records shall be developed, maintained, and available for review by GFSTC Staff
735 at the local department.
- 736 c. Documentation of this training shall include certificates, transcripts, or sign-in
737 sheets. All training documentation shall include the training subject, date,
738 beginning and ending times, description of the training, objectives of the training,
739 and signatures of students and instructors.
- 740 d. Fire Chiefs and Training personnel are urged to continue using the criterion that
741 GFSTC has traditionally used to determine whether or not something is actually
742 training. That criterion is training that meets a national or state standard and is
743 performed in a classroom, at a conference, a drill field setting, etc. with instruction
744 by an individual deemed to be qualified by the fire chief. This does not include
745 daily duties such as maintenance, territory study, equipment checks, etc. unless it
746 is for a recruit or probationary personnel.
- 747 e. Fire departments and other agencies that are looking for outside validation of
748 classes, courses and schools can submit a Course Credit Request form to GFSTC
749 and the documentation will be reviewed for course credit acceptance as a courtesy.
- 750 f. A fire service member shall notify GFSTC in writing of any arrest and/or
751 conviction set out below involving himself/herself within fifteen (15) calendar days
752 of becoming aware of such arrest and/or conviction. This is regardless of any action
753 or lack thereof by the employing agency as a result of such information. Records
754 concerning the disciplinary action shall be made available to the Executive
755 Director of the Council or his/her representative upon request. These records shall
756 include, but are not limited to:
- 757 1. Arrest and/or conviction by local, state, or federal authorities;
- 758 2. Arrest and/or conviction or bond forfeiture in any local, state, or federal court;
759 the term “arrest and/or conviction” includes a finding or verdict of guilt, plea
760 of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere, regardless of whether the adjudication
761 of guilt or sentence is withheld or not entered thereon (this specifically includes
762 pleas under *Alford v. North Carolina*, first-offender pleas, and pre-trial
763 diversion agreements); Minor traffic violations like speeding, traffic control
764 devices and improper passing need not be reported to the Council. **DUI**,
765 reckless driving, fleeing and eluding a police officer, and homicide by vehicle

766 are hereby listed as specific, but not exclusive, examples of traffic violations
767 that are not minor and are to be reported.

768 (b) Transfer Certification: Fire service personnel certified by GFSTC may, upon separation
769 from any fire department and upon agreement with a subsequently appointing/employing
770 fire department, transfer such certification(s) to the appointing/employing fire department.

771 1. Any fire department may refuse to accept the transfer of previously acquired
772 certification(s) and may require any newly appointed/employed fire service personnel
773 to complete the basic training course provided for in O.C.G.A. §25-4-9 (a).

774 2. The fire department must complete and submit the Compliance Request (Short) form
775 to GFSTC at the time of the transfer.

776 (c) Re-certification: Individuals returning to the fire service and seeking re-certification shall
777 be in one of the following categories:

778 1. State Certified fire service personnel may leave a fire department in good standing and
779 return within five years with no penalty as long as they maintain continuous training
780 as approved by the Council. The hiring/appointing Fire Chief shall submit the
781 following documentation validating the readiness of the candidate for recertification.

782 a. Submit a letter on fire department letterhead from the Fire Chief stating how and
783 why the candidate is qualified for recertification.

784 b. Submit an electronic or paper Change of Status form.

785 c. Complete a new Certification Package and keep it on file for review by GFSTC
786 Staff.

787 d. Submit a new Certification Application.

788 2. State Certified fire service personnel who are discharged for cause shall be considered
789 for re-certification on case-by-case basis. Unless adverse action is taken by the
790 Council, these individuals will have one (1) calendar year from the date of discharge to
791 return to the fire service without penalty. For such individuals the fire department
792 shall:

793 a. Submit a letter on fire department letterhead from the Fire Chief stating how and
794 why the candidate is qualified for recertification.

795 b. Submit of an electronic or paper Change of Status form.

796 c. Complete a new Certification Package and keep it on file for review by GFSTC
797 Staff.

798 d. Submit a new Certification Application.

799 3. State Certified fire service personnel that leave the fire service for more than five years
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801 a. Fire department shall submit an electronic or paper Change of Status form.

802 b. Fire department shall complete a new Certification Package and keep it on file for
803 on-site review.

804 c. Fire department shall submit a new Certification Application.

805 d. Candidate shall successfully pass the required test for their level of State
806 Certification.

- 807 4. Following recertification, fire service personnel shall complete a total of 24 hours of
808 professional development training each year as approved by the Fire Chief.
809 Professional Development means training that meets a national or state standard, or
810 addresses a specific area of local service delivery (this does not include daily duties
811 such as maintenance, territory study, equipment checks, etc., unless it is for a recruit
812 or probationary personnel) and performed in a classroom, at a conference, a drill field
813 setting, etc. with instruction by an individual deemed qualified by the fire chief.
- 814 5. Records shall be developed, maintained, and available for on-site review at the local
815 department. Documentation of this training shall include the subject, date, time,
816 description of the training, objectives of the course, and signatures of students and
817 instructors.
- 818 (d) How to become State Certified by Specific Classification:
- 819 1. State Certified Firefighter:
- 820 a. A Firefighter will be required to be trained and successfully pass both written and
821 skills testing for the level of Firefighter I and shall complete all requirements to
822 become a State Certified Firefighter within one year of the date of hire to maintain
823 employment and be in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4-8 & 25-4-9 and Rules
824 & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 825 b. The Firefighter shall pass the state certification test as approved by the Council.
- 826 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
827 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
828 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 829 d. The hiring department shall complete and submit a Compliance Request (Short)
830 form for anyone appointed to the position of Public Safety Director, Fire Chief,
831 Chief Executive Officer or any comparable title who is currently State Certified by
832 GFSTC.
- 833 e. Any person not currently State Certified by GFSTC and appointed to the position
834 of Public Safety Director, Fire Chief, Chief Executive Officer or any comparable
835 title of a fire department in the state of Georgia shall be exempt from a specific
836 portion of the minimum requirements for State Certification of Fire Service
837 Personnel.
- 838 1. The Public Safety Director, Fire Chief, Chief Executive Officer or any
839 comparable title of a fire department may be exempt from:
- 840 i. Taking the firefighter certification examination as approved by the
841 Council.
- 842 ii. Taking the physical agility test (PAT) as approved by the Council.
- 843 2. All other certification requirements for State Certified Firefighter apply.
- 844 3. The Public Safety Director, Fire Chief, Chief Executive Officer or any
845 comparable title of a fire department who chooses to claim Council-approved
846 exemptions shall:
- 847 i. Complete Firefighter Certification Package (less the PAT) and keep it on
848 file at the fire department to be reviewed by GFSTC Staff upon request.
- 849 ii. Complete the Certification Application (less the PAT check box) and
850 submit it along with any required supporting documentation to GFSTC.

- 851 4. Any person having been appointed under the above conditions who is not State
852 Certified prior to the appointment and vacates the above-listed positions but
853 remains in a fire department shall be required to meet all requirements for state
854 registration/certification as approved by the Council.
- 855 2. State Certified Airport Firefighter:
- 856 a. An Airport Firefighter shall be required to be trained to the level of Firefighter I
857 and Aircraft Rescue Firefighter (ARFF) and shall complete all requirements to
858 become a State Certified Airport Firefighter and be in compliance with FAA
859 regulations, O.C.G.A. Title 25-4-8 & 25-4-9 and Rules & Regulations of the
860 Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 861 b. The Airport Firefighter shall complete the GFSTC required taskbook and pass the
862 state certification test as approved by the Council.
- 863 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
864 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
865 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 866 3. State Certified Fire and Life Safety Educator:
- 867 a. To become certified as a Fire & Life Safety Educator, the individual shall be
868 required to be trained to the level of Fire & Life Safety Educator I and shall
869 complete all requirements to become a State Certified Fire & Life Safety Educator
870 within one year of appointment (if applicable) and be in compliance with O.C.G.A.
871 Title 25-4-8 & 25-4-9 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter
872 Standards and Training Council.
- 873 b. The Fire & Life Safety Educator shall pass the state certification test as approved
874 by the Council.
- 875 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
876 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
877 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 878 4. State Certified Fire Inspector:
- 879 a. To become certified as a Fire Inspector shall be required to be trained to the level
880 of Fire Inspector I and shall complete all requirements to become a State Certified
881 Fire Inspector within one year of appointment (if applicable) and be in compliance
882 with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4-8 & 25-4-9 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia
883 Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 884 b. The Fire Inspector shall pass the state certification test as approved by the Council.
- 885 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
886 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
887 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 888 5. State Certified Fire Investigator:
- 889 a. To become certified as a Fire Investigator shall be required to be trained to the
890 level of Fire Investigator I and shall complete all requirements to become a State
891 Certified Fire Investigator within one year of appointment (if applicable) and be in
892 compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4-8 & 25-4-9 and Rules & Regulations of the
893 Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 894 b. The Fire Investigator shall pass the state certification test as approved by GFSTC.

- 895 c. To attain Fire Investigator I a candidate shall successfully complete Arson
896 Investigations Levels 1 and 2 through the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.
897 In addition, the department shall send in a copy of their Arson Investigations Level
898 2 certificate issued by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center to complete the
899 certification process for State Certified Fire Investigator.
- 900 d. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
901 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
902 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 903 6. State Certified Fire Instructor:*
- 904 a. To become certified as a Fire Instructor shall be required to be trained to the level
905 of Fire Instructor I and shall complete all requirements to become a State Certified
906 Fire Instructor and be in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4-8 & 25-4-9 and
907 Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 908 b. The Fire Instructor shall pass the state certification test as approved by the Council.
- 909 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
910 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
911 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 912 7. State Certified Acting Officer-in-Charge:*
- 913 a. To become certified as an Acting Officers-in-Charge shall be required to be trained
914 to the level of Acting Officer-in-Charge and shall complete all requirements to
915 become a State Certified Acting Officer-in-Charge and be in compliance with
916 O.C.G.A. Title 25-4-8 & 25-4-9 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia
917 Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 918 b. The Acting Officer-in-Charge shall pass the state certification test as approved by
919 the Council.
- 920 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
921 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
922 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 923 8. State Certified Fire Officer I:*
- 924 a. To become certified as a Fire Officer I shall be required to be trained to the level
925 of Fire Officer I, shall complete all requirements to become a State Certified Fire
926 Officer I and be in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4-8 & 25-4-9 and Rules &
927 Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 928 b. The Fire Officer I shall pass the state certification test as approved by the Council.
- 929 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
930 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
931 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 932 9. State Certified Fire Officer II:*
- 933 a. To become certified as a Fire Officer II shall be required to be trained to the level
934 of Fire Officer II, shall complete all requirements to become a State Certified Fire
935 Officer II and be in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4-8 & 25-4-9 and Rules
936 & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 937 b. The Fire Officer II shall pass the state certification test as approved by the Council.

938 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
939 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
940 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.

941 10. State Certified Fire Officer III*

942 a. To become certified as a Fire Officer III shall be required to be trained to the level
943 of Fire Officer III, shall complete all requirements to become a State Certified Fire
944 Officer III and be in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4-8 & 25-4-9 and Rules
945 & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.

946 b. The Fire Officer III shall pass the state certification test as approved by the Council.

947 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
948 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
949 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.

950 11. State Certified Fire Chief:*

951 a. To become certified as a Fire Chief shall be required to be trained to the level of
952 Fire Officer IV, shall complete all requirements to become a State Certified Fire
953 Officer IV, be in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4-8 & 25-4-9 and Rules &
954 Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council and petition
955 GFSTC for State Certified Fire Chief Designation.

956 b. The Fire Officer IV shall pass the state certification test as approved by the
957 Council.

958 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
959 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
960 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.

961 12. Additional Certifications that may be developed in the future as approved by the
962 Council:

963 a. State Certified Fire Department Training Officer*

964 b. State Certified Specialized Instructors*

965 c. State Certified Driver/Operator-Pumper*

966 d. State Certified Driver/Operator-Aerial*

967 e. State Certified Driver/Operator-ARFF*

968 f. State Certified Driver/Operator-Tiller*

969 g. State Certified Driver/Operator-Wildland*

970 h. State Certified Driver/Operator-Mobile Water Supply*

971 * **Please see Appendix C: Indicates Certifications to be developed**

972 (7) Part-Time Fire Service Personnel:

973 (a) A part-time fire service employee shall be trained to the minimum level of Volunteer
974 Suppression Firefighter (including live structure fire control) by or through the Georgia
975 Fire Academy or an equivalent training course approved by the Council. When trained to
976 the level of Volunteer Suppression Firefighter, they shall pass the State of Georgia
977 Volunteer Suppression Firefighter test delivered by GFSTC Staff or GFSTC approved
978 Proctors on or before the time of appointment.

- 979 (b) Upon completion of all training requirements, the fire department shall complete and
980 submit a Registration Application for the candidate.
- 981 (c) If the part-time firefighter is hired in place of a State Certified Firefighter, he/she shall be
982 a State Certified Firefighter. In this case, the fire department shall complete a Certification
983 Package and submit a Certification Application or Compliance Request (Short) form for
984 the candidate. In order to become State Certified fire service personnel shall meet all
985 requirements for state certification as approved by the Council.
- 986 (d) A fire service member shall notify GFSTC in writing of any arrest and/or conviction set
987 out below involving himself/herself within fifteen (15) calendar days of becoming aware
988 of such arrest and/or conviction. This is regardless of any action or lack thereof by the
989 employing agency as a result of such information. Records concerning the disciplinary
990 action shall be made available to the Executive Director of the Council or his representative
991 upon request. These records shall include, but are not limited to:
- 992 1. Arrest and/or conviction by local, state, or federal authorities;
- 993 2. Arrest and/or conviction or bond forfeiture in any local, state, or federal court; the term
994 "arrest and/or conviction" including a finding or verdict of guilt, plea of guilty, or a
995 plea of nolo contendere, regardless of whether the adjudication of guilt or sentence is
996 withheld or not entered thereon (this specifically includes pleas under *Alford v. North*
997 *Carolina*, first-offender pleas, and pre-trial diversion agreements); Minor traffic
998 violations like speeding, traffic control devices and improper passing need not be
999 reported to the Council. DUI, reckless driving, fleeing and eluding a police officer,
1000 and homicide by vehicle are hereby listed as specific, but not exclusive, examples of
1001 traffic violations that are not minor and are to be reported.
- 1002 (8) Volunteer Fire Service Personnel (Volunteer Firefighters)
- 1003 (a) All individuals who are appointed as a volunteer member of a fire department in the State
1004 of Georgia shall meet minimum requirements for such appointment as established by the
1005 Council.
- 1006 (b) Volunteer fire service personnel shall be registered in one of the following classifications:
- 1007 1. Volunteer Suppression Firefighter
- 1008 2. Volunteer Support Firefighter
- 1009 3. Part-Time Firefighter
- 1010 4. Inmate Firefighter
- 1011 (c) A Volunteer Suppression Firefighter shall be required to be trained to the minimum level
1012 of Volunteer Suppression Firefighter to include live structure fire control training within
1013 one year of appointment to be in compliance with O.C.G.A. 25-4-9 and Rules &
1014 Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 1015 1. Structure fire control training:
- 1016 a. Volunteer fire service personnel registered as Volunteer Suppression Firefighters
1017 since July 1, 2005 shall successfully complete a Structure Fire Control class as
1018 approved by the Council.
- 1019 b. Structure fire control training may be accomplished in one of the following ways:
- 1020 1. A Structure Fire Control class conducted by or through the Georgia Fire
1021 Academy.

- 1022 2. A locally delivered structure fire control class where at least one instructor has
1023 successfully completed Structural Fire Control Instructor through the Georgia
1024 Fire Academy.
- 1025 c. All structure fire control training shall be conducted in accordance with NFPA
1026 1403, *Standard for Live Fire Training Evolutions*.
- 1027 d. The minimum objectives covered shall be a live fire behavior segment (settee) an
1028 at-grade interior attack.
- 1029 e. Documentation of this training shall include the subject, date, time, description of
1030 the training, objectives of the course, and signatures of students and instructors.
- 1031 2. Volunteer Suppression Firefighters shall pass the State of Georgia Volunteer
1032 Suppression Firefighter test delivered by GFSTC Staff or GFSTC approved test
1033 proctors within one (1) year of appointment.
- 1034 3. Upon completion of all training requirements, the fire department shall complete and
1035 submit a Registration Application for the candidate.
- 1036 (d) A Volunteer Support Firefighter will be required to be trained to the minimum level of
1037 Volunteer Support Firefighter within one year of appointment to be in compliance with
1038 O.C.G.A. 25-4-9 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and
1039 Training Council.
- 1040 1. Volunteer Support Firefighters shall pass the State of Georgia Volunteer Support
1041 Firefighter test delivered by GFSTC Staff or GFSTC approved test Proctors within one
1042 (1) year of appointment.
- 1043 2. Upon completion of all training requirements, the fire department shall complete and
1044 maintain for on-site review, a Volunteer Registration Package and complete and
1045 submit the Volunteer Registration Application for the candidate.
- 1046 (e) An Inmate Firefighter shall be required to be trained to the level of Firefighter I as required
1047 by the Georgia Department of Corrections Fire Service within one year of appointment to
1048 be in compliance with O.C.G.A. 25-4-9 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter
1049 Standards and Training Council.
- 1050 (f) Volunteer fire service personnel who wish to become State Certified shall complete a basic
1051 training course for the desired certification and pass the State of Georgia test delivered by
1052 GFSTC Staff or GFSTC approved Proctors within one (1) year of the start of the course.
- 1053 (g) Volunteer fire service personnel shall meet requirements to continue their status each
1054 calendar year following the year of registration:
- 1055 1. Records shall be developed, maintained, and available for review by GFSTC at the
1056 local department. The professional development shall consist of:
- 1057 a. Successful completion of a total of 24 hours of professional development each year
1058 as approved by the Fire Chief is required for maintenance of
1059 registration/certification(s).
- 1060 b. "Professional Development" means training that meets a national or state standard,
1061 or addresses a specific area of local service delivery (this does not include daily
1062 duties such as maintenance, territory study, equipment checks, etc., unless it is for
1063 a recruit or probationary personnel) and performed in a classroom, at a conference,
1064 a drill field setting, etc. with instruction by an individual deemed to be qualified

1065 by the fire chief. Such hours may be credited toward the maintenance of
1066 registration/certification(s) as approved by the Council.

1067 2. Documentation of this training shall include the subject, date, time, description of the
1068 training, objectives of the course, and signatures of students and instructors.

1069 3. A fire service member shall notify GFSTC in writing of any arrest and/or conviction
1070 set out below involving himself/herself within fifteen (15) calendar days of becoming
1071 aware of such arrest and/or conviction. This is regardless of any action or lack thereof
1072 by the employing agency as a result of such information. Records concerning the
1073 disciplinary action shall be made available to the Executive Director of the Council or
1074 his/her representative upon request. These records shall include, but are not limited
1075 to:

1076 a. Arrest and/or conviction by local, state, or federal authorities;

1077 b. Arrest and/or conviction or bond forfeiture in any local, state, or federal court; the
1078 term "arrest and/or conviction" including a finding or verdict of guilt, plea of
1079 guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere, regardless of whether the adjudication of guilt
1080 or sentence is withheld or not entered thereon (this specifically includes pleas
1081 under *Alford v. North Carolina*, first-offender pleas, and pre-trial diversion
1082 agreements); Minor traffic violations like speeding, traffic control devices and
1083 improper passing need not be reported to the Council. DUI, reckless driving,
1084 fleeing and eluding a police officer, and homicide by vehicle are hereby listed as
1085 specific, but not exclusive, examples of traffic violations that are not minor and are
1086 to be reported.

1087 4. Inmate Firefighters shall pass the Firefighter I written test delivered by GFSTC Staff
1088 or GFSTC approved Proctors within the time frame established by the Georgia
1089 Department of Corrections Fire Service.

1090 Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-4-7.

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1092 **205-1-3-.04 Minimum Requirements for Schools, Institutions, and Facilities Operating for**
1093 **the Purpose of Training Fire Service Personnel.**

1094 (1) The GFSTC shall establish minimum curriculum requirements for schools operated by or for
1095 any fire department for the specific purpose of training full-time, part-time, and volunteer fire
1096 service personnel as approved by the Council.

1097 (2) The GFSTC shall approve institutions and facilities for schools operating for the specific
1098 purpose of training full-time, part-time, and volunteer fire service personnel as approved by
1099 the Council.

1100 Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-4-7.

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1102 **205-1-3-.05 Responsibility to Keep Records Current.**

1103 (1) All certifications/registrations under these rules shall be a permanent and ongoing record
1104 maintained and kept current by GFSTC. Records may be archived in a time frame as approved
1105 by the Council.

1106 (2) It shall be the responsibility of all fire departments to submit any and all reports to GFSTC as
1107 required by Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.

1108 (3) Individual Firefighter records may be accessed by the individual, the Fire Chief/Designee, or
1109 furnished as the result of a legal written open records request.

1110 (4) Fire Department and Individual training records shall be available for review by GFSTC Staff
1111 upon request.

1112 Authority - O.C.G.A. §§25-3-22, 25-3-25, 25-4-7 & 25-4-10.

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1144 **CHAPTER 205-1-4**

1145 **Authority of GFSTC to Effect Adverse Actions**
1146 **on Fire Departments and Firefighters**

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1148 **205-1-4-.01 Definitions.**

- 1149 (1) **“Decertification”** means an adverse action taken by the Council to revoke an individual’s
1150 certification when the individual commits any act in violation of Georgia State Law and Rules
1151 & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 1152 (2) **“Probation”** means an action taken by Council when certified personnel commit acts in
1153 violation of the Rules & Regulations and/or Policy & Procedures of the Georgia Firefighter
1154 Standards and Training Council.
- 1155 (3) **“Registered Status”** means an individual’s information as listed in the GFSTC database.
- 1156 (4) **“Request for Hearing”** means a clear written expression by the affected party or authorized
1157 representative on his/her behalf to indicate that he/she wants the opportunity to contest his/her
1158 case.
- 1159 (5) **“Re-Registration”** means restoring the registered status to those individuals who have lost
1160 their registered status.
- 1161 (6) **“Suspension”** means an action taken by GFSTC when non-certified personnel commit acts in
1162 violation of Rules & Regulations and/or Policy & Procedures of the Georgia Firefighter
1163 Standards and Training Council.

1164 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-3-21, 25-4-2, 25-4-7, & 25-4-10

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1166 **205-1-4-.02 Legal Authority.**

1167 The Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council has the authority to effect adverse actions
1168 on Fire Departments and Firefighters which/who do not maintain minimum standards as required
1169 by O.C.G.A. Title 25, Chapters 3, Article 2 and Chapter 4.

1170 Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-4-7.

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1172 **205-1-4-.03 Suspension or Revocation of Certificates of Compliance.**

- 1173 (1) The Certificate of Compliance issued by the Council shall be subject to suspension or
1174 revocation by the GFSTC at any time it receives verifiable evidence that the fire department is
1175 not maintaining sufficient personnel, equipment, or insurance required by O.C.G.A. §25-3-23
1176 or the Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council pursuant
1177 to subsection (d) of O.C.G.A. §25-3-23.
- 1178 (2) The Council may bring a civil action to enjoin any organization, which is not in compliance
1179 with the applicable requirements of O.C.G.A. §25-3-23, from performing any or all firefighting
1180 functions until such requirements are met.
- 1181 (3) The Council may not suspend or revoke a fire department’s Certificate of Compliance for
1182 failure to meet basic firefighter training requirements of the fire department’s personnel if such
1183 failure is due to the unavailability of the required training from or through the Georgia Fire
1184 Academy. Basic Firefighter training may be obtained through other training agencies.

1185 Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-4-7.

1186 **205-1-4-.04 Notification by Individuals & Fire Departments of Unlawful Acts.**

1187 (1) A fire service member shall notify GFSTC in writing of any misdemeanor arrest, felony arrest,
1188 indictment and/or conviction, guilty plea, plea of nolo contendere, or first offender plea
1189 regardless of whether the adjudication of guilt or sentence is withheld or not entered thereon
1190 (this specifically includes pleas under *Alford v. North Carolina*, first-offender pleas, and pre-
1191 trial diversion agreements); within fifteen (15) calendar days of becoming aware of such felony
1192 arrest or felony arrest and/or conviction. This is regardless of any action or lack thereof by the
1193 employing and/or appointing agency as a result of such information.

1194 (2) The employing or appointing fire department shall notify GFSTC in writing of any felony
1195 arrest and/or conviction, guilty plea, plea of nolo contendere, or first offender plea regardless
1196 of whether the adjudication of guilt or sentence is withheld or not entered thereon (this
1197 specifically includes pleas under *Alford v. North Carolina*, first-offender pleas, and pre-trial
1198 diversion agreements); within fifteen (15) calendar days of becoming aware.

1199 (3) The employing/appointing fire department shall report in writing to GFSTC any
1200 termination/separation that result from any adverse or derogatory actions by the
1201 employee/appointee.

1202 Authority - O.C.G.A. §§25-4-7 & 25-4-8.

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1204 **205-1-4-.05 Decertification, Probation and Suspension of Firefighter State**
1205 **Certification/Registration.**

1206 (1) The Certificate of Compliance for State Certification/Registration of fire service personnel
1207 issued by the GFSTC shall be subject to decertification, probation (Certified personnel), or
1208 suspension (Non-Certified personnel) by the Council at any time it receives verifiable evidence
1209 that the firefighter has failed to comply with the requirements for continued
1210 certification/registration as approved by the Council under O.C.G.A. §25-4-7(4).

1211 (2) The person whose certification(s) was (were) decertified or registration was suspended shall
1212 not be authorized to function as fire service personnel as approved by the Council on any fire
1213 department during any period of decertification or suspension.

1214 (3) After finding that a sanction is warranted, the Council has the authority to decertify, suspend,
1215 or place the certification/registration on probation. Any actions taken shall be at the Council's
1216 discretion based on the facts of each case.

1217 Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-4-7.

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1219 **205-1-4-.06 Notice of Adverse or Derogatory Action.**

1220 The Council shall notify the fire department or fire service personnel by letter or hand delivery of
1221 any disciplinary action or a hearing to determine if disciplinary action is appropriate. For purposes
1222 of notification, mailing by delivery confirmation or certified mail to the last address specified on
1223 the application or the last known address of the firefighter shall constitute proper service.

1224 Authority - O.C.G.A. §25--3-25.

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1226 **205-1-4-.07 Appeals and Hearing Requests.**

1227 (1) Fire departments and/or fire service personnel have the right to make an initial appeal of an
1228 adverse action. The Executive Director of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training

- 1229 Council may recommend that the Council's sanction be modified. The modification shall be
1230 approved by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman if the Chairman is unavailable. Such adverse
1231 actions may include, but are not limited to:
- 1232 (a) Disputed test items (questions, skills, taskbook entry, etc.)
 - 1233 (b) Disputed test results
 - 1234 (c) Lapsed certification or registration status
 - 1235 (d) Recommendations for suspensions of Part-time or Volunteer personnel
 - 1236 (e) Recommendations for probation of State Certified personnel
 - 1237 (f) Recommendations for decertification of State Certified personnel
 - 1238 (g) Recommendations for revocation of fire department Certificates of Compliance
- 1239 (2) If the case is not settled by the Executive Director, the aggrieved party may make a second
1240 appeal to the Council. The Council would then make a decision.
- 1241 (3) If the aggrieved party is still not satisfied, the chief administrative officer of any fire
1242 department or the individual aggrieved by the decision of the Council, may make a written
1243 expression that he/she wants the opportunity to contest his/her case before a Hearing Officer
1244 appointed by the Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Office of State Administrative
1245 Hearings.
- 1246 (4) The Council may deny or dismiss a request for a hearing for the following reasons:
- 1247 (a) It has been withdrawn by the affected party.
 - 1248 (b) If the affected party or his/her representative fails to appear at a hearing or settlement
1249 conference scheduled for such affected fire service personnel.
 - 1250 (c) If the affected party or his/her representative fails to submit a written hearing request
1251 within thirty (30) calendar days after service of the notice of adverse actions.
 - 1252 (5) The affected party shall, within fifteen (15) days after service of adverse action, submit a
1253 notarized statement in answer to the allegations, either admitting or denying the allegations.
1254 All allegations which are not specifically answered are deemed to be admitted. Failure to
1255 submit this document shall be cause for the appeal to be denied.
 - 1256 (6) The affected party or his/her representative shall submit a written request for hearing within
1257 thirty (30) calendar days after service of the notice of adverse action. If the thirty (30) day
1258 time frame is not complied with the appeal shall be denied and the process will be ended.
 - 1259 (7) Information that shall be included by the aggrieved party in the hearing request is as follows:
 - 1260 (a) Name, address, phone number, and email address
 - 1261 (b) Case number
 - 1262 (c) Grounds for appeal
 - 1263 (d) Description of the circumstances
 - 1264 (e) Supporting documentation
 - 1265 (f) Witness(es) (Name(s) only)
 - 1266 (g) Name(s) of attorney(s) if applicable
 - 1267 (h) Resolution being sought
- 1268 Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-3-25.

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205-1-4-.08 Judicial Review.

- (1) A copy of any petition for judicial review brought by fire service personnel or an applicant shall be provided to the Office of State Administrative Hearings and the State Department of Law simultaneously with the service of the petition upon the Council. A petition for judicial review may be served upon the Council by personal service or certified mail delivered to the Executive Director of the Council.
- (2) Upon receipt of a petition, the Office of State Administrative Hearings shall compile and certify the record to the reviewing court on behalf of the Council.
- (3) Any initial decision of the Hearing Officer not consistent with the Council’s initial action shall automatically be reviewed by the Council. Any review of an initial decision of the Hearing Officer shall be limited to the record. In the event either party wishes to present evidence outside of the record, a written request to present such evidence shall be filed at least ten (10) calendar days prior to Council review.
- (4) A description of the evidence shall accompany any request and the Council reserves the right to deny the presentation of additional evidence.
- (5) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §50-13-41(e) (3), any initial decision of the Hearing Officer which is consistent with the Council’s initial action shall without further agency action become the final decision of the Council.
- (6) Once the Council has made its final decision, the affected party can seek judicial review as provided by O.C.G.A. §15-13-19.

Authority - O.C.G.A. §§25-3-25 & 25-4-7.

205-1-4-.09 Final Filing of Appeals, Hearings and Reviews.

All appeals, hearings and reviews shall be filed and adjudicated in accordance with Georgia Law.

Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-3-25.

205-1-4-.10 Petition for Reinstatement of Certification, Registration, or Reconsideration of Application for Individual Firefighters or Applicants.

- (1) After (2) years (24 calendar months) in a decertified or suspended status, fire service personnel or an applicant may petition the Council for reinstatement of certification, registration, or reconsideration of application.
- (2) The petitioner shall personally appear before the Council. Even if represented by an attorney, the petitioner shall be questioned by the Council.
- (3) If a petition is denied, a new petition may not be presented to the Council until two (2) years (24 calendar months) have passed from the date of the denial.
- (4) If a petition is approved, the Council has the discretion to place conditions for approval upon any of the disciplinary or corrective measures provided in statute. The individual shall also comply with all requirements associated with recertification and/or re-registration.

Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-3-25.

1310 **CHAPTER 205-1-5**

1311 **Testing and Evaluation of Training for Firefighters**

1312 **Operating in the State of Georgia**

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1314 **205-1-5-.01 Definitions.**

1315 (1) **“Evaluator”** means an individual approved and trained by GFSTC to observe candidates as
1316 they perform during a skills evaluation.

1317 (2) **“External Validation”** means a validation conducted by GFSTC Staff and qualified
1318 representatives of local fire departments to ensure that questions in the test instrument are
1319 legitimate and can be found in the instructional materials used in the training program for
1320 which the students are seeking certification.

1321 (3) **“Instructor Guide”** means instructional materials, including lesson plans, Powerpoint (or
1322 similar presentation media), and handouts, used by an instructor to deliver information and
1323 skills to students.

1324 (4) **“Internal Validation”** means a validation conducted by GFSTC and GFA Staff before an
1325 external validation to ensure that information contained in an Instructor Guide matches
1326 questions in the test bank.

1327 (5) **“Monitor”** means an individual approved and trained by GFSTC to supervise a skills
1328 evaluation.

1329 (6) **“Proctor”** means an individual approved and trained by GFSTC to supervise and administer
1330 a written or online test event.

1331 (7) **“Reciprocity”** means the process of reviewing training documentation provided to GFSTC by
1332 a candidate or a department requesting the opportunity to enter a training program at the next
1333 higher level above the level being requested or credit for prior training to be considered toward
1334 registration/certification requirements.

1335 (8) **“Regional Test Center”** means a location that has the facilities to conduct written and/or
1336 online tests.

1337 (9) **“Regional Test Site”** means a location that has the facilities and equipment to conduct skills
1338 evaluations along with written and/or online tests.

1339 (10) **“Test Bank”** means the computer program containing all of the questions used to develop a
1340 certification test.

1341 (11) **“Test Event”** means any written, skills, online or oral test occurrence administered by
1342 GFSTC Staff or Proctors approved by GFSTC.

1343 (12) **“Test Instrument”** means a written, skills or other approved evaluation method(s).

1344 (13) **“Validation”** means the process of confirming that the information in test banks and
1345 instructor guides match.

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1347 **205-1-5-.02 Validation of Test Instruments.**

1348 (1) Instructor Guides approved by the Council for any certification shall be validated against a
1349 national or state standard that details minimum training requirements for a particular
1350 certification level. The instructor guide shall include:

- 1351 (a) Lesson Plan
1352 (b) Powerpoint or similar training presentation
1353 (c) Handouts (skill sheets, task books, advisory circulars, etc.)
1354 (2) An internal validation shall be held before an External validation to ensure that the test
1355 instrument is validated against the Instructor Guide.
1356 (a) The internal validation shall include at least two members of the GFSTC Staff and one or
1357 more representatives of the Georgia Fire Academy (GFA) Staff.
1358 (b) GFA Staff shall be someone responsible for or familiar with the training program that will
1359 be delivered to students preparing to test for a particular certification.
1360 (c) The internal validation procedure will identify and verify the presence of each proposed
1361 test question in the lesson plans, Powerpoint presentations (or similar media), and/or
1362 handouts of the approved course of instruction.
1363 (3) An external validation shall be held to certify any test administered by GFSTC.
1364 (a) An external validation shall include representation from a minimum of five (5) fire
1365 departments. The maximum number shall be determined by the Executive Director based
1366 on the subject.
1367 (b) These representatives shall have demonstrated a level of understanding of the subject
1368 matter being validated through experience, knowledge, and/or certifications for the level
1369 being identified. It is preferred that they hold the level of certification that they are
1370 validating.
1371 (c) Each department shall be limited to one vote on each test item.
1372 (d) During external validation, the department representatives shall verify the presence of each
1373 proposed test question in various approved reference materials, but especially the lesson
1374 plans, Powerpoint presentations (or similar media), and/or handouts of the approved course
1375 of instruction.
1376 (e) Written and skills test analysis is conducted anytime the test bank is updated, the NFPA
1377 standard changes, an excessively large percentage of candidates miss a particular skill or
1378 test question or the validity of a skill is in doubt.

1379 Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-4-7.

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1381 **205-1-5-.03 Course Evaluations.**

- 1382 (1) GFSTC shall treat all candidates in a fair and impartial manner.
1383 (2) The Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council attempts to comply with reasonable
1384 accommodation requests set forth in the *Americans with Disabilities Act*.
1385 (a) All requests should be in writing and, when required, accompanied by a physician's
1386 affidavit with physician's signature.
1387 (b) In the case of a learning disability there should also be documentation from a state
1388 accredited high school verifying the candidate has a reading comprehension disability and
1389 recommends written exams be administered orally.
1390 (c) Only the Volunteer Support Firefighter, Volunteer Suppression Firefighter, State
1391 Certification and Firefighter I written tests may be read to a candidate. The candidate and

1392 the reader shall each be given a copy of the test to use during the test. All tests shall be
1393 returned to the Proctor.

1394 (3) GFSTC Staff, Proctors, and/or Monitors approved by GFSTC shall administer all tests required
1395 by the Council for all fire service personnel to complete the registration/certification process.
1396 All skills tests required to complete a certification shall be observed by an Evaluator approved
1397 by GFSTC.

1398 (4) The fire department shall complete and submit a Prerequisite Form to GFSTC by a date to be
1399 announced prior to each test event for each level registration/certification the department
1400 wishes an individual to attain.

1401 (5) A Prerequisite Form shall be submitted to GFSTC by the fire department before an individual
1402 will be allowed to test.

1403 (6) The Prerequisite Form shall ~~to~~ be signed by the fire chief or his/her designee to verify
1404 completion of all requirements for registration/certification as approved by the Council.

1405 (7) A Prerequisite Form is required even if the candidate is retesting because he/she failed a test.

1406 (8) The fire department shall complete and submit a Prerequisite Form and pre-register each
1407 candidate for online testing prior to the candidate taking the exam.

1408 (9) All prerequisites are validated during the External validation process for the different levels of
1409 certification.

1410 (10) Candidates may re-test in accordance with GFSTC policy and procedures before remediation
1411 is required.

1412 (a) Reference lists and practice tests for use by the candidate may be found on the GFSTC
1413 website at www.gfstconline.org.

1414 (b) Candidates may also request, in writing, a student mastery from GFSTC documenting
1415 areas of weakness identified during the test.

1416 Authority - O.C.G.A. §§25-4-7, 25-4-8 & 25-4-9.

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1418 **205-1-5-.04 Test Administration.**

1419 (1) Procedures shall be in place to ensure security of certification test items, test banks, current
1420 and previous versions of test instruments and other associated materials as approved by the
1421 Council.

1422 (2) GFSTC shall approve and train individuals to administer and supervise all test events.

1423 (a) Proctors:

1424 1. Written and online certification test events shall be supervised and administered by a
1425 Proctor trained and approved by GFSTC.

1426 2. A Proctor shall supervise and administer a test event in accordance with all policies
1427 and procedures as approved by the Council.

1428 (b) Monitors:

1429 1. Skills evaluations shall be administered by a Monitor trained and approved by the
1430 GFSTC.

1431 2. A Monitor shall supervise and administer a skills evaluation in accordance with all
1432 policies and procedures as approved by the Council.

- 1433 (c) Evaluators:
- 1434 1. Each station in a skills evaluation shall be conducted under the supervision of an
1435 Evaluator trained and approved by GFSTC.
- 1436 2. An Evaluator shall supervise his/her assigned station(s) in accordance with all policies
1437 and procedures as approved by the Council.
- 1438 (3) Regional Test Centers and Sites
- 1439 (a) Testing is available to all candidates and is administered at the GFSTC Office and at
1440 Regional Test Sites and Test Centers located throughout the state.
- 1441 1. Scheduled dates and times of test and their locations are posted on the Test Event
1442 Calendar located on the GFSTC website at www.gfstconline.org.
- 1443 2. The fire department shall complete and submit a Prerequisite Form to GFSTC by a
1444 date to be announced prior to each test event for each level registration/certification
1445 the department wishes an individual to attain before they will be allowed to take any
1446 tests.
- 1447 (b) Regional test centers and sites shall be approved by GFSTC.
- 1448 1. Regional Test Centers are locations that have the facilities to conduct written and/or
1449 online tests.
- 1450 2. Regional Test Sites are locations that have the facilities and equipment to conduct skills
1451 evaluations along with written and/or online tests.
- 1452 (c) Any site may be disassociated from the program at any time by a decision of GFSTC or
1453 the Regional Test Site/Center.

1454 Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-4-7.

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1456 **205-1-5-.05 Maintenance of Test Results.**

- 1457 (1) GFSTC shall maintain a record of all test events administered by GFSTC in its database. This
1458 record shall be permanent and ongoing.
- 1459 (2) GFSTC shall ensure that the test results for each candidate and the associated test instruments
1460 are securely maintained for an appropriate period of time. Records may be archived in a time
1461 frame as approved by the Council.

1462 Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-4-7.

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1464 **205-1-5-.06 Reciprocity.**

- 1465 (1) GFSTC will consider individual requests for reciprocity to candidates who are seeking
1466 registration/certification.
- 1467 (2) Reciprocity allows a candidate to be entered into the GFSTC database and begin training for
1468 the next higher level of registration/certification.
- 1469 (3) GFSTC will grant reciprocity for certifications on a case-by-case basis as determined by the
1470 Executive Director. GFSTC shall consider granting reciprocity on two levels.
- 1471 (a) Personnel who have completed training toward State Registration/Certification shall:

- 1472 1. Submit documentation of completion of training for review by GFSTC for equivalency
1473 to the minimum training required and approved by the Council. Training
1474 documentation includes transcripts, certificates, or other supporting records.
- 1475 2. Be required to pass the State of Georgia test for the level they are requesting.
- 1476 3. Shall have the fire department submit the appropriate form as approved by the Council.

1477 (b) Personnel who are seeking certification shall:

- 1478 1. Submit documentation of completion of training for review by GFSTC for equivalency
1479 to the minimum training required and approved by the Council.
- 1480 a. Training documentation includes transcripts, certificates, or other supporting
1481 records.
- 1482 b. Certificates shall display a legible seal and certification number, if applicable.
- 1483 c. GFSTC Staff shall access the certifying entity's database to verify the certification.
1484 If the database is not accessible to GFSTC Staff the candidate shall furnish contact
1485 information for records verification.
- 1486 2. Be required to pass the State of Georgia test for the level they currently hold.
- 1487 3. Shall have the fire department submit the appropriate form as approved by the Council.

1488 (4) GFSTC acceptance of reciprocity in no way relieves the candidate from training and testing
1489 requirements of the local fire department.

1490 Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-4-7.

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**CHAPTER 205-1-6:
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205-1-6-.01 Review of Criminal History Reports.

- (1) GFSTC Staff shall review criminal history reports on all newly appointed/hired personnel seeking registration/certification.
- (2) Criminal history documents used to determine eligibility for fire service personnel must be current.
- (3) GFSTC Staff shall successfully complete training required by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in order to review criminal history reports.

Authority - O.C.G.A. §§25-4-7 & 25-4-8.

205-1-6-.02 Inquiries into Complaints.

- (1) GFSTC may conduct inquiries into complaints when necessary on a case-by-case basis.
- (2) Case files shall be maintained on all cases. These files shall be scanned and updated as necessary. Case files may be archived in a time frame as approved by the Council.

Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-4-7.

CHAPTER 205-1-7

Studies for the Improvement of the Fire Service

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205-1-7-.05 Studies for the Improvement of the Fire Service.

The Council shall make, cause to be made or support needed studies for the improvement of education and training or recruitment of fire service personnel.

Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-4-7.

CHAPTER 205-1-8

Authority to Exceed Minimum Standards

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205-1-8-.01 Established Minimum Standards.

Standards established within the Rules & Regulations and Policy & Procedures of the Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council are the minimum qualifications that must be met to become a legally organized fire department or Registered/Certified firefighter. Fire departments are not restricted from exceeding these requirements and are encouraged to do so.

Authority - O.C.G.A. §25-4-11

1622 **CHAPTER 205-1-9**

1623 **Submission of False Information to GFSTC**

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1625 **205-1-9-.01 Supplying or Condoning the Submission of False Information to GFSTC.**

1626 A person who knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or
1627 device a material fact; makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or makes
1628 or uses any false writing or document, knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious, or
1629 fraudulent statement or entry, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of
1630 state government or of the government of any county, city, or other political subdivision of this
1631 state shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by
1632 imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or both.

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1634 **205-1-9-.02 Council Action on Submission of False Information.**

1635 The Council shall upon review of any evidence of false information and with the recommendation
1636 of the Executive Director take the appropriate action(s) based on the evidence as provided.

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1638 Authority - §16-10-20.

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1643 (1) Current contact information may be found at www.gfstconline.org

1644 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-4-3, 25-4-6, 25-4-7, 25-4-7.1, 33-2-9, and 50-13-21.

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1647 **Severability.**

1648 If any rule or portion thereof contained in this chapter is held invalid by a court of competent
1649 jurisdiction, the remainder of the rules herein and the applicability of such provisions to other
1650 circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

1651 Authority. - O.C.G.A. §§25-4-3, 25-4-6, 25-4-7, 25-4-7.1, 33-2-9, and 50-13-21.

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1654 **NOTE: GFSTC Policy & Procedures are being developed to further explain and clarify**
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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- (1) "Airport"** means any airport located in this state which has regularly scheduled commercial air carrier service or commuter airline service as required for certification under Section 139.49 of the Federal Aviation Administration regulations.
- (2) "Airport Firefighter"** means any person assigned to any airport located in this state that performs the duties of aircraft fire fighting or rescue.
- (3) "Candidate"** means a prospective firefighter who has not yet been certified by the Council as having met the requirements of this chapter.
- (4) "Certified"** means any individual requiring state certification who has been certified as having met the requirements established by the Council.
- (5) "Certified Firefighter" or "State Certified Firefighter"** means any firefighter who has been certified by the Council as having met the requirements of this chapter.
- (6) "Compensation"** means paid on an hourly or salaried basis.
- (7) "Continued Annual Training"** means the professional development training needed to meet minimum requirements to maintain certification(s)/registration each calendar year as approved by the Fire Chief.
- (8) "Continued Certification"** means having met the minimum professional development training required each calendar year for those individuals who are certified by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council to maintain their certification(s).
- (9) "Council"** means for the purpose of these Rules and Regulations the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- (10) "Decertification"** means an adverse action taken by the Council to revoke an individual's certification when the individual commits any act in violation of Georgia State Law and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- (11) "Designee"** means the representative designated by the fire chief to deal with matters of the Council.
- (12) "Evaluator"** means an individual approved and trained by GFSTC to observe candidates as they perform during a skills evaluation.
- (13) "Executive Director"** means for the purpose of this Chapter the executive director of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- (14) "External Validation"** means a validation conducted by GFSTC Staff and qualified representatives of local fire departments to ensure that questions in the test instrument are legitimate and can be found in the instructional materials used in the training program for which the students are seeking certification.
- (15) "Fire and Life Safety Educator"** means a person who is trained to deliver fire and life safety training programs to the general public.
- (16) "Fire Chief"** means the Chief Administrative Officer of a Fire Department.
- (17) "Fire department"** means any department, agency, organization, or company operating in this state with the intent and purpose of carrying out the duties, functions, powers, and responsibilities normally associated with a fire department and which is authorized to exercise the general and emergency powers enumerated in O.C.G.A. 25-3-1 and 25-3-2. These duties, functions, powers, and responsibilities include but are not limited to the protection of life and property against fire, explosions, or other hazards.

- 1704 **(18) “Fire Department Training Officer”** means the person responsible for administrative work
1705 in planning, organizing, coordinating, and directing training activities of the Fire
1706 Department.
- 1707 **(19) "Firefighter"** means any able-bodied person at least 18 years of age who has been duly
1708 appointed by a legally constituted fire department and who has the responsibility of
1709 preventing and suppressing fires, protecting life and property, and performing other duties
1710 enumerated in O.C.G.A. 25-3-1 and 25-3-2.
- 1711 **(20) “Fire Inspector”** means a person who is trained to perform fire and life safety inspections
1712 of all types of new construction and existing occupancies.
- 1713 **(21) “Fire Investigator”** means a person who is trained to investigate and determine fire cause
1714 and origin.
- 1715 **(22) “Fire Service Instructor”** means the person responsible for delivering instruction
1716 effectively from prepared materials at the direction, and often under the supervision, of the
1717 Fire Department Training Officer.
- 1718 **(23) "Full-time" or “Career”** means employed for compensation on a basis of at least 40 hours
1719 per week by any municipal, county, state, or private incorporated fire department.
- 1720 **(24) “Georgia Fire Academy” or “GFA”** means a division of the Georgia Public Safety Training
1721 Center that is responsible for training fire service personnel.
- 1722 **(25) “GFSTC”** means the Executive Director and personnel of the Georgia Firefighter Standards
1723 and Training Council.
- 1724 **(26) “GFSTC Staff”** means the personnel who work under the direction of the Executive
1725 Director.
- 1726 **(27) “Inmate Firefighter”** means an individual currently serving a sentence as a Georgia
1727 Department of Corrections inmate and currently enrolled, or who has successfully
1728 completed, the Georgia Department of Corrections Inmate Firefighter training program, and
1729 is recognized by the Georgia Department of Corrections as such.
- 1730 **(28) “Instructor Guide”** means instructional materials, including lesson plans, Powerpoint (or
1731 similar presentation media), and handouts, used by an instructor to deliver information and
1732 skills to students.
- 1733 **(29) “Internal Validation”** means a validation conducted by GFSTC and GFA Staff before an
1734 external validation to ensure that information contained in an Instructor Guide matches
1735 questions in the test bank.
- 1736 **(30) “Live Fire Training”** means a structure fire control class conducted by the Georgia Fire
1737 Academy or a structure fire control class conducted at another location where at least one
1738 qualified instructor has completed the “Structural Fire Control Instructor” course and
1739 conducted in accordance with the current edition of NFPA 1403.
- 1740 **(31) “Monitor”** means an individual approved and trained by GFSTC to supervise a skills
1741 evaluation.
- 1742 **(32) "Part-time"** means employed for compensation for an average of less than 30 hours per
1743 week by any municipal, county, state, or private incorporated fire department.
- 1744 **(33) “Probation”** means an action taken by Council when certified personnel commit acts in
1745 violation of the Rules & Regulations and/or Policy & Procedures of the Georgia Firefighter
1746 Standards and Training Council.

- 1747 **(34)** “**Proctor**” means an individual approved and trained by GFSTC to supervise and administer
1748 a written or online test event.
- 1749 **(35)** “**Professional Development**” means training that meets a national or state standard, or
1750 addresses a specific area of local service delivery (this does not include daily duties such as
1751 maintenance, territory study, equipment checks, etc., unless it is for a recruit or probationary
1752 personnel) and performed in a classroom, at a conference, a drill field setting, etc. with
1753 instruction by an individual deemed to be qualified by the fire chief.
- 1754 **(36)** “**Recertification**” means restoring the certification(s) to those individuals who have lost
1755 their certification(s).
- 1756 **(37)** “**Reciprocity**” means the process of reviewing training documentation provided to GFSTC
1757 by a candidate or a department requesting the opportunity to enter a training program at the
1758 next higher level above the level being requested or credit for prior training to be considered
1759 toward registration/certification requirements.
- 1760 **(38)** “**Records Review**” means a review of records developed at the local fire department to be
1761 maintained and available for review upon request by GFSTC.
- 1762 **(39)** “**Recruit**” means a prospective firefighter who has not yet been certified or registered by the
1763 Council as having met the requirements of O.C.G.A 25-4 and these Rules & Regulations.
- 1764 **(40)** “**Regional Test Center**” means a location that has the facilities to conduct written and/or
1765 online tests.
- 1766 **(41)** “**Regional Test Site**” means a location that has the facilities and equipment to conduct skills
1767 evaluations along with written and/or online tests.
- 1768 **(42)** “**Registered**” means that the fire department has submitted necessary paperwork to GFSTC
1769 to add the individual to the department’s roster and to document that the individual has
1770 completed minimum training as required under O.C.G.A 25-4 and these Rules &
1771 Regulations.
- 1772 **(43)** “**Registered Status**” means an individual’s information as listed in the GFSTC database.
- 1773 **(44)** “**Registered Volunteer**” means “Volunteer Suppression Firefighter”.
- 1774 **(45)** “**Request for Hearing**” means a clear written expression by the affected party or authorized
1775 representative on his/her behalf to indicate that he/she wants the opportunity to contest
1776 his/her case.
- 1777 **(46)** “**Re-Registration**” means restoring the registered status to those individuals who have lost
1778 their registered status.
- 1779 **(47)** “**Suspension**” means an action taken by GFSTC when non-certified personnel commit acts
1780 in violation of Rules & Regulations and/or Policy & Procedures of the Georgia Firefighter
1781 Standards and Training Council.
- 1782 **(48)** “**Test Bank**” means the computer program containing all of the questions used to develop a
1783 certification test.
- 1784 **(49)** “**Test Event**” means any written, skills, online or oral test occurrence administered by
1785 GFSTC Staff or Proctors approved by GFSTC.
- 1786 **(50)** “**Test Instrument**” means a written, skills or other approved evaluation method(s).
- 1787 **(51)** “**Validation**” means the process of confirming that the information in test banks and
1788 instructor guides match.

1789 **(52) "Volunteer"** means not employed for compensation but appointed, registered, and regularly
1790 enrolled to serve as a firefighter for any municipal, county, state, or private incorporated fire
1791 department.

1792 **(53) "Volunteer Support Firefighter"** means a registered firefighter who has been trained to
1793 the level of Volunteer Support Firefighter and passed the Volunteer Support Firefighter test
1794 as specified by the Council.

1795 **(54) "Volunteer Suppression Firefighter"** means a registered firefighter who has been trained
1796 to the level of Volunteer Suppression Firefighter and passed the Volunteer Suppression
1797 Firefighter test, to include live structure fire training, as specified by the Council.

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APPENDIX A

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A-205-1-2-.07 Minimum Equipment Required for Apparatus Other Than Fire Department Pumper and ARFF Apparatus.

- (1) A fire station shall possess a compliant fire department apparatus in order to receive a Certificate of Compliance. This section allows for compliance for stations that house vehicles other than a fire department pumper or ARFF apparatus and establishes minimum equipment for the apparatus in those stations with one of the following types of apparatus:
- (2) Aerial apparatus housed in a fire station with no pumper must carry the following minimum equipment:
 - (a) One (1) aerial ladder/elevating platform
 - (b) Annual tests
 - (c) One (1) elevated stream device
 - (d) One (1) 500 gpm or larger adjustable nozzle
 - (e) One (1) 10’ or longer fire service rated folding ladder
 - (f) Two (2) 16’ or longer fire service rated roof ladders
 - (g) One (1) 24’ or longer fire service rated extension ladder
 - (h) One (1) 35’ or longer fire service rated extension ladder
 - (i) One (1) 14’ or longer combination fire service rated ladder
 - (j) Two (2) flathead axes
 - (k) Three (3) pick-head axes
 - (l) Four (4) 6’ or longer pike poles
 - (m) Two (2) 3’ to 4’ plaster hooks with D-handle
 - (n) Two (2) crow or pry bars
 - (o) Two (2) claw or Halligan-rated tools
 - (p) Two (2) 12 lb. sledge hammers
 - (q) Four (4) portable hand lights
 - (r) One (1) approved dry chemical portable fire extinguisher, minimum 80 BC
 - (s) Four (4) SCBA with four (4) spare cylinders
 - (t) One (1) first aid kit
 - (u) Six (6) salvage covers 12’ X 14’
 - (v) One (1) 3,000 watt Electric generator
 - (w) Three (3) 500 watt portable flood lights
 - (x) One (1) 5,000 cfm smoke ejector or positive pressure ventilation fan
 - (y) One (1) portable thermal cutting unit
 - (z) One (1) power saw (chain or heavy-duty rotary rated)
 - (aa) Four (4) combination spanner wrenches

- 1863 (bb) Two (2) scoop shovels
- 1864 (cc) One (1) pair of 24" bolt cutters
- 1865 (dd) Four (4) ladder belts
- 1866 (ee) One (1) 150' light-use safety rope
- 1867 (ff) One (1) 150' general-use safety rope
- 1868 (gg) One (1) 150' utility rope having a breaking strength of at least 5000 lbs.
- 1869 (hh) One (1) box of tools
- 1870 i. One (1) hacksaw with three (3) blades
- 1871 ii. One (1) keyhole saw
- 1872 iii. One (1) 12" pipe wrench
- 1873 iv. One (1) 24" pipe wrench
- 1874 v. One (1) ball peen hammer
- 1875 vi. One (1) pair of tin snips
- 1876 vii. One (1) pair of pliers
- 1877 viii. One (1) pair of lineman's pliers
- 1878 ix. Assorted rated of screwdrivers
- 1879 x. Assorted adjustable wrenches
- 1880 xi. Assorted combination wrenches
- 1881 (ii) Two (2) wheel chocks
- 1882 (jj) One (1) ANSI approved traffic vest per assigned seating position (exception: if assigned
- 1883 to each member it is not necessary to be on apparatus.)
- 1884 (kk) Five (5) fluorescent orange traffic cones
- 1885 (ll) One (1) rubber mallet
- 1886 (mm) One (1) double female adapter sized to fit 2½" or larger fire hose
- 1887 (nn) One (1) double male adapter sized to fit 2½" or larger fire hose
- 1888 (oo) Two (2) hydrant wrenches
- 1889 (pp) One (1) mounted radio
- 1890 (qq) One (1) portable radio
- 1891 (3) Air/Light apparatus housed in a fire station with no pumper must carry the following minimum
- 1892 equipment:
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- 1894 (4) Brush apparatus housed in a fire station with no pumper must carry the following minimum
- 1895 equipment:
- 1896 (a) One (1) 100' booster hose with minimum 30 gpm adjustable nozzle
- 1897 (b) Two (2) hard suction 10' X 2" is pump is so plumbed
- 1898 (c) One (1) high pressure abrasion-resistant fill hose 25' X 1½"

- 1899 (d) Six (6) lightweight forestry hoses 50' X 1½"
- 1900 (e) Six (6) lightweight forestry hoses 50' X 1"
- 1901 (f) One (1) high pressure garden hose 50' X ¾"
- 1902 (g) Two (2) forester twin tip 1" nozzles
- 1903 (h) Two (2) adjustable barrel ¾" nozzles
- 1904 (i) Two (2) combination 1" nozzles
- 1905 (j) One (1) foam air-aspirated 1" nozzle
- 1906 (k) One (1) 2½" X 1½" reducer
- 1907 (l) Two (2) 1½" X 1" reducers
- 1908 (m) Two (2) 1" X ¾" reducers
- 1909 (n) Two (2) 1½" NH X 1½" NPSH adapters
- 1910 (o) Two (2) 1" NPSH X 1" NH adapters
- 1911 (p) Two (2) 1" NH X 1" NPSH adapters
- 1912 (q) One (1) gated wye 2½" female by two (2) 1½" male
- 1913 (r) One (1) foot valve strainer 2" or 1½"
- 1914 (s) Two (2) spanner wrenches
- 1915 (t) One (1) hydrant wrench
- 1916 (u) Assorted gaskets
- 1917 (v) Tees
- 1918 (w) Shut-offs
- 1919 (x) One (1) double female adapter sized to fit 2½" or larger fire hose
- 1920 (y) One (1) double male adapter sized to fit 2½" or larger fire hose
- 1921 (z) Hose clamp
- 1922 (aa) Wands and various spray tips
- 1923 (bb) Rake
- 1924 (cc) Pulaski
- 1925 (dd) Shovel
- 1926 (ee) Torch
- 1927 (ff) Collapsible back pack pump
- 1928 (gg) Mechanics tools
- 1929 (hh) Files
- 1930 (ii) Spark plugs
- 1931 (jj) One (1) ANSI approved traffic vest per assigned seating position (exception: if assigned
- 1932 to each member it is not necessary to be on apparatus.)
- 1933 (5) Fire boats shall have a minimum 500 gpm pump. If housed in a fire station/boat house with
- 1934 no pumper the fire boat must carry the following minimum equipment:

- 1935 (a) One (1) pry or crow bar
- 1936 (b) One (1) 24" bolt cutter
- 1937 (c) One (1) pike pole (6' or longer)
- 1938 (d) One (1) adjustable hydrant wrench
- 1939 (e) One (1) sprinkler shutoff wedge
- 1940 (f) One (1) utility rope (100' or longer)
- 1941 (g) One (1) portable extinguisher 2-A: 10-B: C
- 1942 (h) One (1) dry chemical extinguisher 80-B:C
- 1943 (i) One (1) flat head axe
- 1944 (j) Four (4) spanner wrenches
- 1945 (k) One (1) rope in a throw bag (75')
- 1946 (l) One (1) SCBA with spare cylinder per crew member
- 1947 (m) One (1) rated III personal floatation device for each crew member.
- 1948 (n) 200' of 1½", 1¾", or 2" fire hose with two (2) combination nozzles minimum 95 gpm
- 1949 (o) One (1) million candlepower (1,000,000) portable search light
- 1950 (p) Two (2) boat hooks minimum 12'
- 1951 (q) One (1) rated IV throw-able floatation device
- 1952 (r) Fire department radio system installed on the vessel
- 1953 (s) One (1) VHF-FM radio
- 1954 (t) Hailer for giving audible signals to persons on the vessel and for short-range direct voice
- 1955 communications
- 1956 (u) Up-to-date navigational publications for the intended operational area
- 1957 (v) One (1) illuminated compass
- 1958 (w) One (e) GPS and chart plotter
- 1959 (x) Electronic depth sounding apparatus
- 1960 (6) Heavy Rescue apparatus housed in a fire station with no pumper must carry the following
- 1961 minimum equipment:
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- 1963 (7) Mobile Water Supply (Tanker/Tender) apparatus housed in a fire station with no pumper must
- 1964 carry the following minimum equipment:
- 1965 (a) 1000 gallon water tank
- 1966 (b) 200 feet of 2½" or larger fire hose
- 1967 (c) 400 feet of 1½", 1¾", or 2" fire hose with two hand line nozzles, 95 gpm minimum
- 1968 (d) 20 feet of suction hose with strainer
- 1969 (e) One (1) flat head or pick head ax
- 1970 (f) One (1) 6' or longer pike pole or plaster hook

- 1971 (g) One(1) dry chemical portable fire extinguisher 80 BC
- 1972 (h) One (1) 2½ gallon or larger water extinguisher
- 1973 (i) One (1) SCBA with spare cylinder available to anyone assigned to the vehicle
- 1974 (j) One (1) first aid kit
- 1975 (k) Two (2) combination spanner wrenches
- 1976 (l) One (1) hydrant wrench
- 1977 (m)One (1) double female adapter sized to fit 2½” or larger fire hose
- 1978 (n) One (1) double male adapter sized to fit 2½” or larger fire hose
- 1979 (o) Two (2) or more wheel chocks
- 1980 (p) One (1) ANSI approved traffic vest per assigned seating position (exception: if assigned
- 1981 to each member it is not necessary to be on apparatus.)
- 1982 (q) Five (5) fluorescent orange traffic cones
- 1983 (r) Five (5) illuminated warning devices such as highway flares, unless cones have
- 1984 illuminating devices
- 1985 (s) One (1) automatic external defibrillator
- 1986 (t) One (1) rubber mallet
- 1987 (8) Rescue or Squad apparatus housed in a fire station with no pumper must carry the following
- 1988 minimum equipment:
- 1989 (a) Two (2) SCBA with two (2) Spare Cylinders
- 1990 (b) Extrication Equipment: Spreader/cutter, rams, & power plant
- 1991 (c) One (1) gas can – 5 gal.
- 1992 (d) Rescue Jacks for vehicle stabilization , spare straps , footprint pads
- 1993 (e) One (1) reciprocating saw, spare blades
- 1994 (f) Extension cord 100’
- 1995 (g) Porta Power set
- 1996 (h) Air Chisel set w/ 2 air cylinders
- 1997 (i) Hand tools - set of screwdrivers , flat tip , Phillips tip, wire cutters , Hammers – standard
- 1998 claw, ball peen , small sledge
- 1999 (j) Socket set
- 2000 (k) Flat Head Axe
- 2001 (l) Halligan tool
- 2002 (m)Pick Head Axe
- 2003 (n) Sledge hammer
- 2004 (o) Shovels – flat and round tip
- 2005 (p) Pry Bar – optional
- 2006 (q) Pike poles – short 6’ , medium 8’
- 2007 (r) Webbing 25 ‘ pieces

- 2008 (s) Rescue Rope 125'
- 2009 (t) Utility Rope
- 2010 (u) Four (4) standard Carabiners (20,000 lb. breaking strength)
- 2011 (v) Two (2) ladder belt Carabiners (20,000 lb. breaking strength)
- 2012 (w) Class 3 rescue harness
- 2013 (x) Stokes basket w/ lifting bridle
- 2014 (y) Backboard w/ straps
- 2015 (z) Cribbing – 2x4 , 2 crates , 4x4 – 2crates , wood wedges – small and large ,
- 2016 (aa) Stair step cribbing – 2 sets
- 2017 (bb) Medical equipment : jump bag , 02 w/bag
- 2018 (cc) AED
- 2019 (dd) One (1) ANSI approved traffic vest per assigned seating position (exception: if
- 2020 assigned to each member it is not necessary to be on apparatus.)
- 2021 (9) Service apparatus housed in a fire station with no pumper must carry the following minimum
- 2022 equipment:
- 2023 (a) Four (4) SCBA with four (4) extra cylinders
- 2024 (b) Six (6) salvage covers (minimum 12' X 14')
- 2025 (c) One (1) 3,000 watt Electric generator
- 2026 (d) Three (3) 500 watt portable flood lights
- 2027 (e) One (1) 5,000 cfm smoke ejector
- 2028 (f) One (1) portable thermal cutting unit
- 2029 (g) One (1) power saw (chain or heavy-duty rotary rated)
- 2030 (h) Four (4) electric handlights
- 2031 (i) Two (2) 3' or 4' pike poles or plaster hooks
- 2032 (j) Four (4) 6' or longer pike poles or plaster hooks
- 2033 (k) One (1) mounted radio
- 2034 (l) One (1) portable radio
- 2035 (m) One (1) 24' or longer fire service rated extension ladder
- 2036 (n) One (1) 16' or longer fire service rated roof ladder
- 2037 (o) One (1) 10' or longer fire service attic ladder
- 2038 (p) One (1) 14' or longer fire service combination ladder
- 2039 (q) One (1) ANSI approved traffic vest per assigned seating position (exception: if assigned
- 2040 to each member it is not necessary to be on apparatus.)
- 2041 (10) Trench Rescue apparatus housed in a fire station with no pumper must carry the following
- 2042 minimum equipment:
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APPENDIX B

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2046 **A205-1-3-.04-(6)(a)5. List of possible skills that might be used in training of fire service**
2047 **personnel in various levels of State Certification.**

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2049 **FIREFIGHTER:**

- 2050 • Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - 2051 ○ Don Personal Protective Equipment
- 2052 • Breathing Air Conservation Techniques
- 2053 • Emergency SCBA Procedures
 - 2054 ○ Emergency Bypass/Purge Valve
- 2055 • Emergency Escape Methods
 - 2056 ○ SCBA Use In Restricted Passages
 - 2057 ○ Escaping a Hazardous Area Using a Hoseline
 - 2058 ○ Safe Haven
- 2059 • Fire Attack Methods
 - 2060 ○ Interior Attack At Grade
 - 2061 ○ Interior Attack Above Grade
 - 2062 ○ Interior Attack Below Grade
 - 2063 ○ Vehicle Fire Attack
- 2064 • Forcible Entry
 - 2065 ○ Forcible Entry Out-Swinging Door
 - 2066 ○ Forcible Entry In-Swinging Door
 - 2067 ○ Forcible Entry Checkrail Window
- 2068 • Search & Rescue
 - 2069 ○ Primary Search Operation
 - 2070 ○ Harness Drag
 - 2071 ○ Bring Unconscious Victim Down a Ladder
- 2072 • Ladders
 - 2073 ○ Carry, Position, & Beam-Raise a Ladder
 - 2074 ○ Carry, Position, & Flat-Raise a Ladder
 - 2075 ○ Securing to a Ladder
- 2076 • Ventilation
 - 2077 ○ Ventilate a Pitched Rood with an Axe
 - 2078 ○ Ventilate Using PPV
- 2079 • Water Supply & Hose

- 2080 • Salvage & Overhaul
- 2081 ○ Opening a Ceiling
- 2082 • Basic First Aid

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2085 **AIRPORT FIREFIGHTER:**

- 2086 • Identify Response Routes
- 2087 • Operation & Use of Radio Equipment
- 2088 • Calling Another Unit By Radio
- 2089 • Obtaining Air Traffic Control Clearance
- 2090 • Evacuation from an Intact Damaged Aircraft
- 2091 • Evacuation from a Burning Aircraft
- 2092 • Dry Chemical Application on Pooled Fuel Fires
- 2093 • Hand Line Application on Pooled Fuel Fires
- 2094 • Turret Application on Pooled Fuel Fires
- 2095 • Extinguish a Three-Dimensional Fuel Fire
- 2096 • Extinguish an Aircraft Cabin Fire
- 2097 • Extinguish an Aircraft Engine Fire: Propeller
- 2098 • Extinguish an Aircraft Engine Fire: Jet
- 2099 • Extinguish an Aircraft APU Fire
- 2100 • Extinguish an Aircraft Wheel Assembly Fire

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2102 **APPARATUS OPERATOR:**

- 2103 • Recognize of system problems during routine tests, inspections & servicing of
- 2104 department apparatus.
- 2105 • Perform routine tests, inspections & service for the above list of items and correct any
- 2106 deficiencies noted, according to department policies & procedures.
- 2107 • Battery(ies)
- 2108 • Braking system
- 2109 • Coolant system
- 2110 • Electrical system
- 2111 • Fuel
- 2112 • Hydraulic fluids
- 2113 • Oil
- 2114 • Tires

- 2115 • Steering system
- 2116 • Belts
- 2117 • Tools, appliances, & equipment
- 2118 • Document the routine tests, inspections, & servicing functions.
- 2119 • Operate a fire department vehicle, given a predetermined route on a public right-of-way
- 2120 that incorporates the following maneuvers & features:
 - 2121 • Four left & four right turns
 - 2122 • A straight section of urban business street or a two-lane rural road at least one mile in
 - 2123 length
 - 2124 • One through-intersection & two intersections where a stop has to be made
 - 2125 • One curve, either left or right
- 2126 • Operate a fire department vehicle under adverse environmental or driving surface
- 2127 conditions.
- 2128 • Demonstrate fire department vehicle backing evolutions.
- 2129 • Operate of fire department vehicles around obstructions on a roadway.
- 2130 • Operate fire department vehicles while executing a 180 degree turn in a confined area.
- 2131 • Use mirrors, judge vehicle clearance & safely operate the vehicle.
- 2132 • Maintain vehicle control while accelerating, decelerating, & turning fire department
- 2133 vehicles.
- 2134 • Maintain reasonable speed for road, adverse environmental & surface conditions.
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- 2136 **COMPANY OFFICER:**
- 2137 • Demonstrate the ability to write reports.
- 2138 • Demonstrate the ability to effectively operate at all levels in the incident management
- 2139 system used by the local fire department.
- 2140 • Assign tasks or responsibilities to unit members at an emergency operation.
- 2141 • Assign tasks or responsibilities to unit members under non-emergency conditions.
- 2142 • Direct unit members during a training evolution.
- 2143 • Apply human resource policies & procedures.
- 2144 • Coordinate the completion of assigned tasks & projects by crew members.
- 2145 • Develop a pre-incident plan.
- 2146 • Develop an initial action plan to control an emergency.
- 2147 • Apply safety regulations at the unit level.
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- 2149 **CHIEF OFFICER:**
- 2150 • Establish personnel assignments.

- 2151 • Develop a divisional or departmental budget.
- 2152 • Use evaluative methods to solicit & award bids.
- 2153 • Use evaluative methods to direct the development, maintenance, & evaluation of a
- 2154 department record-keeping system.
- 2155 • Review current policies, then evaluate the need for and supervise the development of a
- 2156 new or revised policy or procedure.
- 2157 • Research and evaluate training requirements and building & facility needs necessary to
- 2158 meet departmental training goals.
- 2159 • Prepare an action plan for a multiple agency incident.
- 2160 • Develop and conduct a post-incident analysis of a multi-agency incident.

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2162 **FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR:**

- 2163 • Document public fire & life safety educational activities.
- 2164 • Maintain a work schedule of all FLSE activities.
- 2165 • Select instructional materials.
- 2166 • Maintain safety during fire and life safety education activities.
- 2167 • Present a lesson.
- 2168 • Notify the public of a scheduled event.
- 2169 • Distribute educational information.
- 2170 • Administer an evaluation instrument.
- 2171 • Score an evaluation instrument.

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2173 **FIRE INSPECTOR:**

- 2174 • Prepare written correspondence to communicate fire protection & prevention practices.
- 2175 • Prepare inspection reports of a field inspection.
- 2176 • Investigate common complaints of a reported situation or condition.
- 2177 • Maintain files.
- 2178 • Identify the occupancy classification of a single-use occupancy.
- 2179 • Compute the allowable occupant load of a single-use occupancy or portion thereof.
- 2180 • Inspect means of egress elements of an existing building.
- 2181 • Verify the type of construction for an addition or remodeling project.
- 2182 • Determine operational readiness of existing fixed fire suppression systems.
- 2183 • Determine operational readiness of existing fire detection & alarm systems.
- 2184 • Determine operational readiness of existing portable fire extinguishers.
- 2185 • Recognize hazardous conditions involving equipment, processes, & operations.

- 2186 • Compare an approved plan to an installed fire protection system.
- 2187 • Verify that emergency planning and preparedness measures are in place and have been
- 2188 practiced.
- 2189 • Inspect emergency access for a site so that the required access for emergency responders
- 2190 is maintained.
- 2191 • Verify code compliance for incidental storage, handling, and use of flammable and
- 2192 combustible liquids & gases.
- 2193 • Verify code compliance for incidental storage, handling, and use of hazardous materials.
- 2194 • Recognize a hazardous fire growth potential in a building or space.

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2196 **FIRE INVESTIGATOR:**

- 2197 • Secure the fireground.
- 2198 • Conduct an exterior & interior survey.
- 2199 • Interpret & correlate burn patterns.
- 2200 • Examine and remove fire debris.
- 2201 • Reconstruct the area of origin.
- 2202 • Inspect the performance of building systems.
- 2203 • Discriminate the effects of explosions from other types of damage.
- 2204 • Diagram the scene.
- 2205 • Photographically document the scene.
- 2206 • Construct investigative notes.
- 2207 • Manage victims and fatalities.
- 2208 • Locate, collect, & package evidence.
- 2209 • Select evidence for analysis.
- 2210 • Maintain a chain of custody.
- 2211 • Develop an interview plan.
- 2212 • Conduct interviews or interrogations.
- 2213 • Evaluate interview information.
- 2214 • Gather reports and records for use in court.
- 2215 • Establish evidence as to motive and/or opportunity.
- 2216 • Prepare a written investigative report.
- 2217 • Express investigative findings verbally.

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APPENDIX C

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- 2222 **205-1-3-.04 Classifications of Fire Service Personnel.**
- 2223 6. State Certified Fire Instructor:*
- 2224 a. A Fire Instructor shall be required to be trained to the level of Fire Instructor I and
- 2225 shall complete all requirements to become a State Certified Fire Instructor and be
- 2226 in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia
- 2227 Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 2228 b. The Fire Instructor shall pass the state certification test as approved by the Council.
- 2229 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
- 2230 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
- 2231 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 2232 7. State Certified Fire Department Training Officer:*
- 2233 a. A Fire Department Training Officer shall be required to be trained to the level of
- 2234 Fire Instructor II, shall complete all requirements to become a State Certified Fire
- 2235 Department Training Officer, including successful completion of the Fire
- 2236 Department Training Officer course by or through the Georgia Fire Academy or
- 2237 other training agency as approved by the Council, and be in compliance with
- 2238 O.C.G.A. Title 25-4 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards
- 2239 and Training Council.
- 2240 b. The Fire Department Training Officer shall pass the state certification test as
- 2241 approved by the Council.
- 2242 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
- 2243 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
- 2244 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 2245 8. State Certified Specialized Instructors*
- 2246 a. A Specialized Instructor shall be a course-specific/task-specific certification as
- 2247 approved by the Council. These instructors shall demonstrate the ability to deliver
- 2248 knowledge and skills for specific fire service tasks. Instructors shall successfully
- 2249 complete the required course-specific training by or through the Georgia Fire
- 2250 Academy or other training agency as approved by the Council, to attain State
- 2251 Certification. State Certified Specialized Instructor courses may include:
- 2252 i. Basic Firefighter Instructor
- 2253 ii. Structure Fire Control Instructor.
- 2254 iii. Pressurized Container Fire Control Instructor
- 2255 iv. Flammable Liquids Fire Control Instructor
- 2256 v. Hazardous Materials Curricula Train-the-Trainer
- 2257 vi. NIMS 300/400 Train-the-Trainer
- 2258 b. The Specialized Instructor shall pass the state certification test as approved by the
- 2259 Council.
- 2260 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
- 2261 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
- 2262 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.

- 2263 9. State Certified Driver/Operator-Pumper:*
- 2264 a. A Driver/Operator-Pumper shall be required to be trained to the level of
2265 Driver/Operator-Pumper, shall complete all requirements to become a State
2266 Certified Driver/Operator-Pumper and be in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4
2267 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training
2268 Council.
- 2269 b. The Driver/Operator-Pumper shall pass the state certification test as approved by
2270 the Council.
- 2271 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
2272 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
2273 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 2274 10. State Certified Driver/Operator-Aerial*
- 2275 a. A Driver/Operator-Aerial shall be required to be trained to the level of
2276 Driver/Operator-Aerial, shall complete all requirements to become a State
2277 Certified Driver/Operator-Aerial and be in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4
2278 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training
2279 Council.
- 2280 b. The Driver/Operator-Aerial shall pass the state certification test as approved by the
2281 Council.
- 2282 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
2283 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
2284 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 2285 11. State Certified Driver/Operator-ARFF:*
- 2286 a. A Driver/Operator-ARFF shall be required to be trained to the level of
2287 Driver/Operator-ARFF, shall complete all requirements to become a State
2288 Certified Driver/Operator-ARFF and be in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4
2289 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training
2290 Council.
- 2291 b. The Driver/Operator-ARFF shall pass the state certification test as approved by the
2292 Council.
- 2293 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
2294 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
2295 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 2296 12. State Certified Driver/Operator-Tiller:*
- 2297 a. A Driver/Operator-Tiller shall be required to be trained to the level of
2298 Driver/Operator-Tiller, shall complete all requirements to become a State Certified
2299 Driver/Operator-Tiller and be in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4 and Rules
2300 & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 2301 b. The Driver/Operator-Tiller shall pass the state certification test as approved by the
2302 Council.
- 2303 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
2304 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
2305 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.

- 2306 13. State Certified Driver/Operator-Wildland:*
- 2307 a. A Driver/Operator-Wildland shall be required to be trained to the level of
- 2308 Driver/Operator-Wildland, shall complete all requirements to become a State
- 2309 Certified Driver/Operator-Wildland and be in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-
- 2310 4 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training
- 2311 Council.
- 2312 b. The Driver/Operator-Wildland shall pass the state certification test as approved by
- 2313 the Council.
- 2314 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
- 2315 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
- 2316 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 2317 14. State Certified Driver/Operator-Mobile Water Supply:*
- 2318 a. A Driver/Operator-Mobile Water Supply shall be required to be trained to the level
- 2319 of Driver/Operator-Mobile Water Supply, shall complete all requirements to
- 2320 become a State Certified Driver/Operator-Mobile Water Supply and be in
- 2321 compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia
- 2322 Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 2323 b. The Driver/Operator-Mobile Water Supply shall pass the state certification test as
- 2324 approved by the Council.
- 2325 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
- 2326 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
- 2327 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 2328 15. State Certified Acting Officer-in-Charge:*
- 2329 a. Acting Officers-in-Charge shall be required to be trained to the level of Acting
- 2330 Officer-in-Charge and shall complete all requirements to become a State Certified
- 2331 Acting Officer-in-Charge and be in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4 and
- 2332 Rules & Regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 2333 b. The Acting Officer-in-Charge shall pass the state certification test as approved by
- 2334 the Council.
- 2335 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
- 2336 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
- 2337 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
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- 2339 16. State Certified Fire Officer I:*
- 2340 a. A Fire Officer I shall be required to be trained to the level of Fire Officer I, shall
- 2341 complete all requirements to become a State Certified Fire Officer I and be in
- 2342 compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia
- 2343 Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 2344 b. The Fire Officer I shall pass the state certification test as approved by the Council.
- 2345 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
- 2346 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
- 2347 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 2348 17. State Certified Fire Officer II:*

- 2349 a. A Fire Officer II shall be required to be trained to the level of Fire Officer II, shall
2350 complete all requirements to become a State Certified Fire Officer II and be in
2351 compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia
2352 Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 2353 b. The Fire Officer II shall pass the state certification test as approved by the Council.
- 2354 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
2355 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
2356 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 2357 18. State Certified Fire Officer III*
- 2358 a. A Fire Officer III shall be required to be trained to the level of Fire Officer III,
2359 shall complete all requirements to become a State Certified Fire Officer III and be
2360 in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4 and Rules & Regulations of the Georgia
2361 Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 2362 b. The Fire Officer III shall pass the state certification test as approved by the Council.
- 2363 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
2364 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
2365 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 2366 19. State Certified Fire Chief:*
- 2367 a. A State Certified Fire Chief shall be required to be trained to the level of Fire
2368 Officer IV, shall complete all requirements to become a State Certified Fire Chief
2369 and be in compliance with O.C.G.A. Title 25-4 and Rules & Regulations of the
2370 Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
- 2371 b. The Fire Officer IV shall pass the state certification test as approved by the
2372 Council.
- 2373 c. Upon completion of all training and testing requirements, the fire department shall
2374 complete a Certification Package and submit a Certification Application or
2375 Compliance Request (Short) form for the candidate.
- 2376 20. Others as determined to be necessary and approved by GFSTC
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