

SFFMA Certification Workshop



Certification Board

www.sffma.org/certification-board

- Sets SFFMA Certification Program policies
- Maintains certifications to national standards
- Approves educational programs meeting standards of Board
- Approves for-profit training providers which have and maintain membership with SFFMA

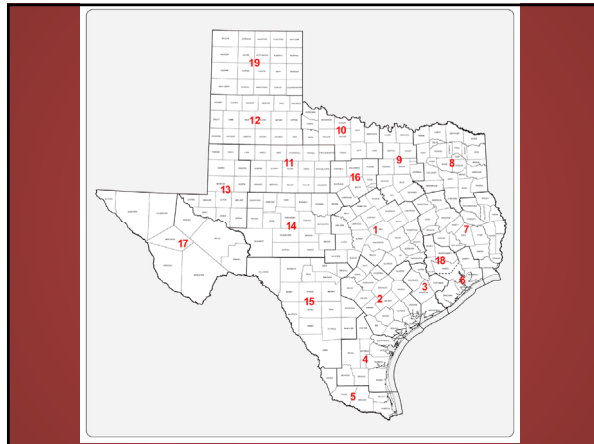


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- No more than 25 members
- Serve 4-yr term
- 19 zones and 1 representative from each zone
- TFS & TEEX Representatives
- Meet 3 times a year
 - January – SFFMA Planning Meeting
 - June – SFFMA Conference
 - July – A&M Fire School






Fire Department Participation

- Maintain membership
 - Dues for the Department are due no later than January 31st and payable online
- Fire Chief on file
- Certification Coordinator on file
- Track training in Records Management System
- Apply for certifications
- Recommended to participate in District



Coordinator - Requirements

- Full
 - Instructor I
 - Firefighter I
- Provisional
 - Either or both of the above missing
 - Has 5yrs to complete
 - If not done, will have to name a new coordinator



Coordinator - Duties

- Track and report training for the department
- Document Training
 - Sign-in Sheet for training should include:
 - Date
 - Instructor
 - SFFMA Objectives
 - Attendees
- Serve as a contact at the department for Certification issues
- Attend the required Certification Workshop on a timely basis



Coordinator - Workshops

- Attendance requirements
 - Full – Every 2yrs
 - Provisional – Every year
 - Online is available via Zoom



General Certification Questions



Certifications



National Fire Protection Association

- All certifications are referenced to an National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard
- Each NFPA Standard updates every 4 years
- SFFMA updates one year afterwards



Certifications

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firefighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 1001: Firefighter I – 1001: Firefighter II – Master Firefighter – 1051: Wildland • 1072: HazMat Awareness/Operations • 1021: Fire Officer I, II, III, IV • 1041: Instructor I, II, III • 1031: Fire Inspector I, II, Plans Examiner I • 1033: Fire/Arson Investigator • 1035: Public Fire Educator • 1035: Public Information Officer • 1521: Incident Safety Officer • 1061: Public Safety Telecommunicator • 1584: Support Personnel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1006: Rescue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Rescue Apprentice (must have for all other Rescue Certs) – Machinery Rescue – Rope Rescue – Confine Space Rescue – Swift Water Rescue – Surface Water Rescue – Trench Rescue – Vehicle Rescue – Wilderness Rescue – Structural Collapse • 1002: Driver/Operator – Pumper • 1002: Driver/Operator – Aerial • 1002: Driver/Operator – Wildland • 1002: Driver/Operator – Tender |
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Certification in Texas



National Fire Protection Association

Volunteer Firefighters



Career Firefighters






Certification in Texas

<p>Volunteer Firefighters</p>  <p><u>NFPA 1001: Standard for Firefighter</u> Firefighter I and Firefighter II <u>NFPA 1072: Standard for HazMat</u> Awareness and Operations Includes JPRs ProBoard and IFSAC certs accepted</p>	<p>Career Firefighters</p>  <p><u>NFPA 1001: Standard for Firefighter</u> Firefighter I and Firefighter II <u>NFPA 1072: Standard for HazMat</u> Awareness and Operations Includes JPRs ProBoard and IFSAC certs accepted Emergency Medical Training</p>
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<p>Volunteer Firefighters</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured to be self-paced for volunteers • Multiple training options • Three certifications: HazMat A/O, Firefighter I, Firefighter II 	<p>Career Firefighters</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13-week academy • Monday through Friday 8am-5pm • Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) or higher training completion
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Certification in Texas


Volunteer Firefighters



- Structured to be self-paced for volunteers
- Multiple training options
- Three certifications:
HazMat A/O, Firefighter I, Firefighter II


HazMat A/O

- Complete and document:
 - ✓ Courage to be Safe
 - ✓ HazMat A/O Objectives
- Submit fully completed application and receive Endorsement of Eligibility letter
- Successfully complete written and skill examinations



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Firefighter I

- Complete and document:
 - ✓ Courage to be Safe
 - ✓ Traffic Incident Mgmt
 - ✓ Firefighter I Objectives
- Hold or apply concurrently for HazMat A/O
- Submit fully completed application and receive Endorsement of Eligibility letter
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Firefighter II

- Complete and document:
 - ✓ Courage to be Safe
 - ✓ Traffic Incident Mgmt
 - ✓ Firefighter II Objectives
- Hold or apply concurrently for HazMat A/O and Firefighter I
- Submit fully completed application and receive Endorsement of Eligibility letter
- Successfully complete written and skill examinations



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Career Firefighters




Transferring Certifications from SFFMA to TCFP

- SFFMA Firefighter II Endorsement of Eligibility letter
 - Given same weight as full-time academy
 - Allows trainee to challenge TCFP Firefighter Exam
- Documentation of medical training
 - Must be provided within one year of examination



Application Submission


- Fully complete application form
- All signatures required
- Record of training
- Fee
- Allow 30-60 days for processing



Personal Information

Most documentation submitted to the Austin Office requires personal information:

- Full Legal Name
- Last 4 digits of SSN
- Date of Birth – reference to identify “Junior” firefighters.



Written Testing

- Candidate must hold Endorsement of Eligibility letter issued by Austin office
- Exams held monthly at Austin office
- Local sessions scheduled by contacting testing@sffma.org
- Minimum 10-12 candidates
- Need to have strong wifi
- Exam results available immediately



Skills Testing

- Can be done in-house if qualified personnel are on staff
 - Be certified by SFFMA at or above level being tested
 - Be approved by Zone Representative
 - Skills Evaluator/Coordinators must 1 of the following:
 - SFFMA Full Coordinator
 - Board approved skills proctor course
 - Credited proctor of an approved emergency certifying entity
 - TCFP field examiners just need to verify SFFMA certification



Master Firefighter Certification

- Anything above and beyond Firefighter I & II
 - Any training that has been used in Firefighter I & II Certification or meets those objectives **CANNOT BE USED FOR MASTER CERTIFICATION**
- Applicant must have
 - SFFMA Firefighter II
 - 10 years of service
 - 400 hours total
 - Minimum of 40 hours in 5 out of the 6 categories



Master Certification

1. Medical
2. Management/Supervisor
3. Rescue/Hazmat
4. Fire Prevention
5. Educational/Instructional
6. Other



Master Application

- Place COPIES of the certificates in a folder with dividers to separate the 6 categories
- Application in front
- Master list of certificates according to which category it is in.
- Submit folder to Zone Representative for initial review.
- Do not submit to Austin office until Zone Representative approves.
- Austin office will bill the application fee upon receipt of application with Zone Rep approval.



SFFMA Website

www.sffma.org



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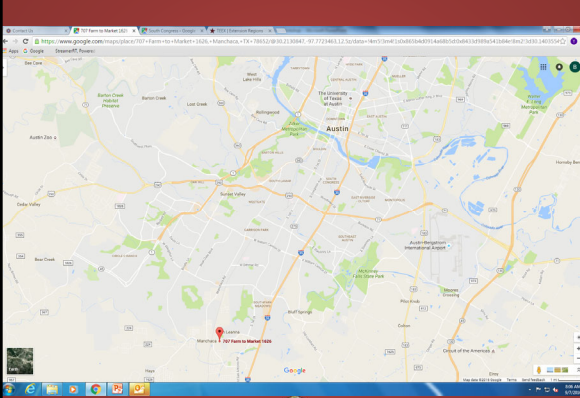
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Any Questions

