**Section 141.303 Advanced Technician Firefighter**

a) An Illinois Advanced Technician Firefighter certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1001.

b) Prerequisites

1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;

2) Current certification as Fire Service Vehicle Operator;

3) Current certification as Vehicle and Machinery Operations;

4) Successful completion of an Advanced Technician Firefighter course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;

5) Passage of the State Written and State Practical Examinations;

6) Documentation of a minimum of one year cumulative fire service experience, beginning from the Basic Operations Firefighter or Firefighter II certification date;

7) Documentation of a minimum of 3 cumulative years of fire service experience;

8) Completion of NIMS 200 course; and

9) Application for Certification.

c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.

d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Instructor II. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.

e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Advanced Technician Firefighter as provided in Subpart E.

f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.

g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

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