**Section 141.318 Fire Service Instructor I**

a) An Illinois Fire Service InstructorI certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1041.

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 Basic Operations Firefighter;

3) Successful completion of a Fire Service Instructor I course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;

4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations;

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

6) 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 Service Instructor II.

e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for a Fire Service Instructor I as provided in Subpart E.

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

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

h) Fire service personnel that provide proof of a valid and current Professional Educator License issued pursuant to Article 21B of the School Code [105 ILCS 5], and in compliance with any rules adopted by the State Board of Education regarding licensure, shall be deemed to have successfully completed the Fire Service Instructor I and II course and passed the State Written and Practical Examinations for Fire Service Instructor I and II. Fire service personnel must submit to the Division, in writing, a request to update training records and attach proof of the Professional Educator License. Once confirmed by the Division, the fire service personnel’s training records will be updated.

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