

Oklahoma State Fire Marshal Commission

Fire Training Advisory Committee

Fire Fighter & Officer Levels

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Fire Training Advisory Committee

The Oklahoma State Fire Marshal Commission's Fire Training Advisory Committee (FTAC) was re-established by the Commission in 2025. The first priority of the Committee was to review the training levels for fire fighters and officer for the Oklahoma fire service to fulfill the requirements of OK Admin Code 265:55-1-2 (4).

"Advise and assist the State Fire Marshal Commission in ensuring that the state has consistent basic and continuing education programs that include steps for all ranks or positions of career and volunteer firefighters by setting minimum standards for career, recommended levels for volunteer, identifying training programs and courses required for fire service members to achieve those levels:"

The Oklahoma State Fire Marshal Commission selected the following persons to serve on FTAC:

Andy James- Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry; Oklahoma Forestry Services

Brady Bond- OSFM Commissioner, Garber Fire Department

Caroline Reed- Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training

Duane Helmberger- Fire Marshals Association of Oklahoma, Midwest City Fire Department

Heath Want- Fire Marshals Association of Oklahoma, Lawton Fire Department (replaced Helmberger)

Julie Lynn- OSFM Commission Chair, Tulsa Fire Department

James Heap- Oklahoma Fire Chiefs Association, Frederick Fire Department

Kyle Ramer- Oklahoma State Firefighters Association, Jacktown Fire Protection District

Sean Douglas- OSFM Commission Vice-Chair, Claremore Fire Department

Fire Fighter Levels

FD Support Personnel

Support Firefighter Level prepares a Firefighter to work on the fire scene in a support capacity, operating vehicles and assisting with wildland firefighting set-up and preparations.

Completion of the following:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)- 4hrs

OSFM - Personal Protective Equipment Training Course

<https://moodle.ifsta.org/>

BLS CPR Healthcare Provider

<https://cpr.heart.org/en/courses/basic-life-support-course-options>

Traffic Incident Management (TIMS)

<https://learning.respondersafety.com/Clusters/National-TIM-Training-Certificate.aspx>

Or live TIMS class with certificate.

ICS-100

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/518>

ICS-200

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/519>

IS-700

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b&lang=en>

IS-800

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-800.d&lang=en>

Hazardous Materials Awareness -

<https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/AWR-358%20dL>

Wildland Firefighter

The Wildland Firefighter Level builds on the FD Support Personnel Level and prepares a Firefighter to effectively combat wildland fires and respond to various types of accidents (automobile, etc.).

Completion of FD Support Personnel Level and the following:

Emergency Vehicles Operation Course (EVOC)-

OSU-FST – Oklahoma Emergency Vehicle Drivers Training

Or;

VFIS- Emergency Vehicle Driver Training

S-130 Firefighter Training (Wildland)-

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10622>

S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10623>

Water Supply-

OSU-FST- Basic Fire Fighting Skills: Water Supply

Or;

OSU-FST- Basic Firefighting Skills: Drafting Fundamentals

Exterior Structural Fire Fighter

This Exterior Structural Fire Fighter Level prepares firefighters for exterior fire fighting operations and related defensive or transitional operations that do not include interior structural fire attack.

Complete Wildland Firefighter and the following:

Exterior Offensive Structure Fire-

OSU-FST Exterior Offensive Fire Attack/Structural Fire Scene Size Up

Tanker Operations Safety-

OSU-FST Safe Operations of Fire Tankers

Water Mapping-

OSU- FST Engine Company Operations: Hoseline Advancement and Water Application Hands on Training (Water Mapping)

Structural Firefighter

Minimum training level for interior structure fire attack for all firefighters, paid and volunteer. Paid Firefighters must complete within 12 months of employment.

Complete Exterior Structural Firefighter Level and the following:

Firefighter I or greater-

IFSAC, ProBoard, or DOD certifications.

Hazardous Materials Operations-

IFSAC, ProBoard, or DOD certifications.

Master Firefighter

The Master Firefighter Level (highest level) requires the completion of Firefighter II, or an Equivalent or Greater program. Paid Firefighters must complete within 36 months of employment. Optional for Volunteer Departments based on local authority having jurisdiction.

Complete Structural Firefighter Level and the following:

Firefighter II or greater-

IFSAC, ProBoard, or DOD certifications.

Officer Levels

Support Officer

Training level intended for Acting Supervisor, Apprentice, Ride-out, or similar personnel preparing to be first level supervisors.

Completion of the Structural Fire Fighter Level and the following:

NIMS ICS-300 –

EMI, NFA, or equivalent certification.

Emergency Services Instructor: Instructor I-

IFSAC, ProBoard or DOD certification

Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness –One of the following

CFI Fire Investigation for Fire Officers

https://www.cfitrainer.net/en/Training_Programs/Fire_Investigation_for_Fire_Officers.aspx

OSU-FST Introduction to Fire Investigation

NWCG FI-110, Wildland Fire Observations and Origin Scene Protection for First Responders

Leadership and Management-All of the Following:

OSU-FST Leadership for Small Departments (Training)

OSU-FST Leadership for Small Departments (Administration)

NFA Introduction to Fire and EMS Supervision and Management Q0426

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10747>

NFA Foundations of Leadership and Operations for the Company Officer Q0891

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10858>

Basic Officer

The training level for the First level supervisor of fire department emergency responses.

Completion of Support Officer Level and the following:

NIMS ICS-300 –

EMI, NFA, or equivalent certification.

Emergency Services Instructor: Instructor I-

IFSAC, ProBoard or DOD certification

OFS Expanding Incidents for Incident Commanders, Chiefs, and Officers

And one of the following options:

Option 1:

Fire Officer 1

IFSAC, ProBoard, or DOD certification.

Option 2:

OSU-FST Leadership for Small Department (Recruitment and Retention)

OSU-FST Leadership for Small Departments (Tactics)

Intermediate Officer

The training level for the top-level Line Officer that may supervisor multiple basic officers.

Completion of the Master Fire Fighter Level, the Basic Officer Level, and the following:

NIMS ICS-400-

EMI, NFA, or equivalent certification.

NFA Incident Safety Officer

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/106>

NFA Leadership in Supervision Frameworks to Success

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10679>

NFA Exercising Leadership Through Difficult Conversations

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10467>

And one of the following options:

Option 1:

Fire Officer II

IFSAAC, ProBoard, or DOD certification.

Option 2:

OSU-FST New Fire Chief

NFA Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10675>

Advanced Officer

The training level for the top-level staff officer.

Completion of the Intermediate Officer Level and the following:

Instructor II

IFSAC, ProBoard, or DOD certification.

Fire Officer III

IFSAC, ProBoard, or DOD certification

Executive Officer

The training level for the Chief Executive Officer of a fire department.

Completion of the Advanced Fire Officer Level and one of the following options:

Option 1:

Oklahoma Executive Fire Officer Leadership Program

Option 2:

National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program

Option 3:

Masters Degree from and accredited institution in Fire Service Management related field (e.g. Fire & Emergency Management, Public Administration, Business Administration, Management, Fire Protection Engineering, Political Science, etc.)

Option 4:

Fire Officer IV Certification

IFSAC, ProBoard, or DOD certification.