Course Title: Introduction to the Fire Service (Entry Level Fire Training)

SFA Course Code: ELIS

Course Length: 16 Hrs Lecture/Lab Breakdown: 10/6

Prerequisites: Minimum age: 14 years old at start of course.

Referenced Text(s): Essentials of Fire Fighting, Sixth Edition by International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA)

Course Goal: Upon successful completion an entry level firefighter shall be able to identify and utilize basic knowledge, skills, and abilities to begin their fire service career.

Course Description: This entry level course is designed to introduce new firefighters to basic information including an overview of the fire service, fire service organization, firefighter safety, personal protective equipment, tools and emergency lighting, and backing apparatus. This is the first of five levels (courses) in the curriculum.

Description of Methodology: This course includes lecture, interactive discussion and practical skills and a written evaluation.

Student Equipment & Supplies: Pen/Pencil, Notebook; Supported reference material and skill book (Must remain in possession of student until the end of all levels); helmet, gloves, turnout coat, turnout pants, boots, protective hood, and protective eyewear (safety glasses or goggles) required for all classes.

Equipment/Audiovisual/Facility/Supply Requirements: Classroom with adequate seating; computer; LCD projector; one copy of IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting, Sixth Edition Student Manual and one copy of the PSFA Skill Book (must remain in possession of the student at the conclusion of the course). IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting, Sixth Edition Instructor’s Guide and A/V Package (thumb drive). Fire apparatus and highway safety cones required for practical skills.
Minimum Standard for Accreditation (MSA)

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Special Notes & Conditions:
Instructor is responsible for documentation in each Student’s Skill Book. Instructors will follow the OSFC 2005-01 Entry Level Fire Training Curriculum Policy # 2005-01, revised September 16, 2013, which includes the General Plan of Instruction for all levels. Class size maximum is 30 students.

**Course Outline**

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**Competency Evaluation Mechanism:**
A 25 question exam that contains a balance of true/false and multiple choice questions will be administered. These exams will be generated by the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy and provided to the Educational Training Agency conducting the course and graded by the instructor of record. A 70% passing score and successful completion of four (4) skills sheets must be attained for certificate issuance.

**Learning Outcomes (Behavioral Objectives):**
The applicable job performance objectives and the chapter objectives for Fire Fighter I as listed in the Student Manual for this level (course) are identified in the Plan of Instruction.

Questions/Comments: Please contact the Assistant State Fire Academy Administrator