

National Fire Protection Association - 1031



Suggested Course Guide – NFPA Fire Inspector 2009

The following information contains excerpts from NFPA 1031. The DPSST Fire Certification Program has provided an overview for the applicant to use in conjunction with the application process. This document was approved by the NFPA Fire Inspector Task Force.

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NFPA FIRE INSPECTOR SUGGESTED COURSE GUIDE

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) Fire Certification Program has created the following examples of current courses/classes which meet the requirements for NFPA Fire Investigator.

The suggested courses are **NOT** the only way to satisfy the requirements for certification. Therefore, other material may be evaluated as “Course Equivalency.” This must be accomplished through the evaluation of course curriculum and/or course outlines. The information provided will be reviewed to determine if it equal to or exceeds the intent of the standard.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide supporting information in conjunction with the application for review.

NOTE: All information must first be approved by the local training officer and/or fire chief before submission to the Fire Certification Program at DPSST.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ARE EXCERPTS FROM NFPA 1031, FIRE INSPECTOR, EDITION 2009

NFPA FIRE INSPECTOR I

4.1* General. The Fire Inspector I shall meet the job performance requirements defined in Sections [4.2](#) through [4.4](#). In addition, the Fire Inspector I shall meet the requirements of Section 4.2 of [NFPA 472](#).

4.2* Administration. This duty involves the preparation of correspondence and inspection reports, handling of complaints, and maintenance of records, as well as participation in legal proceedings and maintenance of an open dialogue with the plan examiner and emergency response personnel, according to the following job performance requirements.

4.3 Field Inspection. This duty involves fire safety inspections of new and existing structures and properties for construction, occupancy, fire protection, and exposures, according to the following job performance requirements.

4.4 Plans Review. There are no plan review job performance requirements for Fire Inspector I. *(NOTE: the 2009 NFPA Fire Inspector Task Force recommends applicants review section 4.2.3 of the standard in relation to section 4.4 Plans Review.)*

APPLICANT WILL COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- I. NFPA 472 Hazardous Materials Awareness
- II. Successful completion of the DPSST Fire Inspector I Task Book
- III. Successful completion of the International Code Council (ICC) Fire Inspector written examination

SUGGESTED COURSES:

- ✓ **Fire Inspector Degree
Community College Programs**
(NOTE: Please contact your local community college to determine what classes will meet the intent of the standard if you do NOT have a degree as a Fire Inspector. If using stand alone college courses, you must submit a copy of your college transcripts to the application for successful review.)
- ✓ **Fire Codes and Ordinances**
- ✓ **Building Codes and Ordinances**
- ✓ **Plans Review Investigation
National Fire Academy**
- ✓ **Principals of Fire Protection Structures and Systems (R-222)
National Fire Academy**
- ✓ **Fire Inspection Principals (R-220)
National Fire Academy**
- ✓ **Fire Protection Systems for Emergency Operation (R-227)
National Fire Academy**
- ✓ **Fire Protection for Built Environment (R-135)
National Fire Academy**
- ✓ **Or Equivalent Courses/Classes/Certifications**
 - **Examples:**
 - **Department of Defense certification in Fire Inspection**
 - **IFSA Fire Inspection Certification**
 - **ProBoard Fire Inspection Certification**

NFPA FIRE INSPECTOR II

5.1 General. The Fire Inspector II shall meet the job performance requirements defined in Chapter [4](#) and Sections [5.2](#) through [5.4](#).

5.2 Administration. This duty involves conducting research, interpreting codes, implementing policy, testifying at legal proceedings, and creating forms and job aids, according to the following job performance requirements.

5.3 Field Inspection. This duty involves code enforcement inspections and analyses of new and existing structures and properties for construction, occupancy, fire protection, and exposures, according to the following job performance requirements.

5.4 Plans Review. This duty involves field verification of shop drawings, plans, and construction documents to ensure that they meet the intent of applicable codes and standards for fire and life safety, according to the following job performance requirements.

APPLICANT WILL COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- I. Be certified as an NFPA Fire Inspector I
- II. Successful completion of the DPSST Fire Inspector II Task Book

SUGGESTED COURSES:

NOTE: No further course work is required EXCEPT for Plans Review section- a class in “Building Codes and Ordinances” is required for successful completion of the training requirement.

This was a decision was made by the 2009 Fire Inspector Task Force.

NFPA FIRE INSPECTOR III

6.1 General. The Fire Inspector III shall meet the job performance requirements defined in Chapter [5](#) and Sections [6.2](#) and [6.3](#).

6.2 Administration. This duty involves the recommendation, creation, and evaluation of policies and procedures for fire safety inspections and code enforcement activities, according to the following job performance requirements.

6.3 Field Inspection. This duty involves analysis of code compliance alternatives; evaluation of construction, occupancy, fire protection, and exposures; and emergency planning, according to the following job performance requirements.

APPLICANT WILL COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- I. Be certified as an NFPA Fire Inspector II
- II. Successful completion of the DPSST Fire Inspector III Task Book

NOTE: No further course work is required for NFPA Fire Inspector III.

OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (OAR):

The following rules have been extracted from OAR Division 9 and only pertain only to the requirements for NFPA Fire Inspector I, II and III. For review of OAR Division 9 please refer to http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARS_200/OAR_259/259_009.html

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Definitions

(35) "NFPA Fire Inspector I" means an individual who conducts basic fire code inspections and has met the Level I job performance requirements of NFPA Standard 1031.

(36) "NFPA Fire Inspector II" means an individual who conducts complicated fire code inspections, reviews plans for code requirements, and recommends modifications to codes and standards. This individual has met the I Level II job performance requirements of NFPA standard 1031.

(37) "NFPA Fire Inspector III" means an individual at the third and most advanced level of progression who has met the job performance requirements specified in this standard for Level III. The Fire Inspector III performs all types of fire inspections, plans review duties, and resolves complex code-related issues.

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Certificates Are Property of Department

Certificates and awards are the property of the Department, and the Department shall have the power to revoke or recall any certificate or award as provided in the Act.

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Fire Service Personnel Certification

(g) The provisions of the NFPA Standard No. 1031, Edition of (2009), entitled "Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner" are adopted.

(A) All applicants for certification as an NFPA Fire Inspector I must:

- (i) Successfully complete a Department approved Task Book; and
- (ii) Furnish proof that they have passed an exam demonstrating proficiency in the model fire code adopted by the State of Oregon or an equivalent.

(B) All applicants for certification as an NFPA Fire Inspector II must:

- (i) Hold a certification as a Fire Inspector I; and
- (ii) Successfully complete a Department approved Task Book.

(C) All applicants for certification as an NFPA Fire Inspector III must:

- (i) Hold a certification as a Fire Inspector II; and
- (ii) Successfully complete a Department approved Task Book.

(D) Task books must be monitored by a Field Training Officer approved by the Department. The Field Training Officer must be certified at or above the level being monitored and have at least five (5) years inspection experience. The Department may approve other Field Training Officers with equivalent training, education and experience as determined by designated Department staff.

(h) The provisions of the NFPA Standard No. 1033, Edition of (2009), entitled "Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator" are adopted subject to the following definitions and requirements:

(A) An individual must successfully complete a Department approved Task Book before the Department will administer a written examination for the Fire Investigator certification level. Exception: Anyone holding a valid IAAI Fire Investigator Certification, National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI) certification, or Certified Fire Explosion Investigators (CFEI) certification is exempt from taking the Department's Fire Investigator written exam.

(B) A Department approved Field Training Officer must monitor the completion of a Task Book. The Field Training Officer must be certified at or above the level being monitored and have at least five (5) years fire investigation experience. Exception: The Department may approve a Field Training Officers with equivalent training, education and experience.