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Rule 4765-24-17 Fire and emergency services instructor and live fire instructor courses.

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(A) A training course for fire and emergency services instructor I shall be competency-based and shall include all of the following:

(1) Meets the general knowledge requirements, general skill requirements, and the job performance requirements specified in "NFPA 1041" or "NFPA 1020" for fire and emergency services instructor I, as set forth in the fire and emergency services instructor I course objectives approved by the executive director, with advice and counsel of the committee as provided in the "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Course Packet."

(2) The fire and emergency services instructor I course curriculum shall be approved by the division prior to delivery.

(B) A training course for fire and emergency services instructor II shall be competency-based and shall include all of the following:

(1) Meets the general knowledge requirements, general skill requirements, and the job performance requirements specified in "NFPA 1041" or "NFPA 1020" for fire and emergency services instructor II, as set forth in the fire and emergency services instructor II course objectives approved by the executive director, with advice and counsel of the committee as provided in the "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Course Packet."

(2) The fire and emergency services instructor II course curriculum shall be approved by the division prior to delivery.

(C) A training course for fire and emergency services instructor I and II shall be competency-based and shall include all of the following:

(1) Meets the general knowledge requirements, general skill requirements, and the job performance requirements specified in "NFPA 1041" or "NFPA 1020" for fire and emergency services instructor I and II, as set forth in the fire and emergency services instructor I and II course objectives approved by the executive director, with advice and counsel of the committee as provided in the "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Course Packet."

(2) The fire and emergency services instructor I and II course curriculum shall be approved by the division prior to delivery.

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(D) A chartered fire training program shall maintain fire and emergency services instructor course objectives competencies check-off documentation for each student, as approved by the program director.

(E) A chartered program shall admit only those individuals who meet the following requirements into a fire and emergency services instructor course:

(1) Is at least eighteen years of age;

(2) Holds a current and valid Ohio EMS provider or firefighter certification;

(3) Has held EMS provider or firefighter certification for at least five of the previous seven years;

(4) Meets "NFPA 1041" or "NFPA 1020" entrance requirements, whichever is applicable at the time of admittance;

(5) Meets all admission requirements established by the chartered program.

(F) Fire and emergency services instructor course instructors shall be appointed by the program director in accordance with the following:

(1) Each instructor shall hold a current and valid certificate to teach in accordance with Chapter 4765-18 or 4765-21 of the Administrative Code;

(2) Each instructor shall have been appointed as an instructor trainer by the program director in accordance with rule 4765-18-12 or 4765-24-18 of the Administrative Code.

(G) A person seeking certification as a fire and emergency services instructor who holds at least a bachelor's degree in education may be granted credit for the fire and emergency services instructor I and II course if they:

(1) Submit a written request to the division;

(2) Provide a copy of their diploma and transcript;

(3) Receive written approval to test from the division; and

(4) Pass the fire and emergency services instructor I and II certification examination within three attempts and within one hundred eighty days of receiving written approval to test.

(H) A person seeking certification as a fire and emergency services instructor who holds a valid nationally recognized certification as an EMS educator, or a valid instructor

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certification issued by the Ohio peace officer training academy (OPOTA), that is substantially similar to the requirements listed in the "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Course Packet" may be granted certification as a fire and emergency services instructor I or II if they:

(1) Submit a written request to the division;

(2) Provide evidence of current national or Ohio recognized certification;

(3) Receive approval by the division.

(I) Upon certification, those applicants meeting the requirements listed in paragraphs (A) to (H) of this rule must maintain their provider certification(s) and be approved to teach provider certification courses by a program director.

(J) The executive director shall consider relevant education, training, or service completed by the holder of a certificate to practice as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the Ohio national guard, the Ohio military reserve, the Ohio naval militia, or the national guard of any other state or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States in determining whether the holder of a certificate to practice has met the experience and educational requirements for a certificate to teach as set forth in paragraph (A), (B), or (C) of this rule.

(K) Fire and emergency services instructor courses, as set forth in this rule, shall be provided under the auspices of an accredited or chartered program and be taught by a fire and emergency services instructor II appointed as an instructor trainer by the program director as set forth in the "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Course Packet."

(L) Live fire instructor course:

(1) A course for live fire instructor training shall be competency-based, taught under the auspices of a chartered program, and meet the course objectives as set forth in the "Live Fire Instructor Course Packet."

(2) To be eligible to deliver the live fire instructor course, a chartered program shall hold a live fire instructor classification issued in accordance with rule 4765-24-02 of the Administrative Code and meet the live fire instructor course prerequisites as set forth in the "Live Fire Instructor Course Packet."

(3) A chartered program shall admit into a live fire instructor course only those individuals who meet the admission requirements as set forth in the "Live Fire Instructor Course Packet."

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(M) The executive director shall consider relevant education, training, or service completed by the holder of a certificate to practice as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the Ohio national guard, the Ohio military reserve, the Ohio naval militia, or the national guard of any other state or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States in determining whether the holder of a certificate to practice has met the experience and educational requirements for a certificate to teach as set forth in paragraph (L) of this rule.

(N) Live fire instructor courses shall be provided under the auspices of a chartered program and be taught by a fire and emergency services instructor II who also holds a live fire instructor certificate, appointed by the program director in accordance with this rule.

(O) The program director shall ensure that the live fire instructor trainer meets all of the following:

(1) Holds current and valid firefighter II, fire and emergency services instructor II, and live fire instructor certificates, that are in good standing, issued under rules 4765-20-02 and 4765-21-03 of the Administrative Code;

(2) Has held a live fire instructor certification for at least three years; and

(3) Has completed an orientation by the program director.