



FIREFIGHTER TRAINING SOG

SCOPE

This guideline applies to all members of the Stoney Point Fire Department and shall be adhered to by all members. This SOG addresses firefighter training and focuses solely on the training requirements for the line firefighter. It does not address specialized training.

PURPOSE

This SOG provides guidance on recruit, certification and in service training. It addresses and outlines the training requirements for all firefighter within the Department and includes Pre-Basic Training, Firefighter I&II State Certification, Hazardous Materials Certification and annual, required and in service training.

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DEFINITIONS

SHALL - Indicates a mandatory requirement.

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE (SOG) - Documents that help establish how an organization will operate and how its members are expected to carry out specific duties outlined in general terms.

PRE-BASIC TRAINING (PBT) – a training program specifically tailored to the new recruit. This training program consists of the NFPA Firefighter Level I training tasks and capabilities, Department specific training tasks and administrative requirements, select Department policies and SOGs and Department culture.

FIREFIGHTER I&II STATE CERTIFICATION (FF I&II) – this is a 347 hour training course that meets the North Carolina state training and the NFPA requirements for Firefighter Level I&II training. Also included in this program are Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations Level training and 1st Responder.

CPR: Cardio pulmonary resuscitation (Required Training). This is an American Heart Association course that teaches CPR and rescue breathing for adults, children and infants.



SCBA ENDURANCE COURSE (SEC): (Required Training) this is a semi-annual event that incorporates 18 stations. A firefighter is required to complete the stations without stopping or removing his SCBA face piece. The purpose of this event is twofold. First, the event records the individual firefighter's SCBA consumption rate (PSI/minute), cylinder time and low air alarm to no air time. Second, the event assesses the individual firefighter's physical condition and endurance capability. The SEC is a "no running" event. Firefighters are in full PPE with SCBA and breathing air throughout. It is a "continuous moving" event. Firefighters will negotiate as many stations as they can until they run out of air or become physically incapacitated (whichever comes first).

IN-SERVICE TRAINING: (Required Training) SPFD firefighters are required to complete 240 hours of in service training annually. This training includes drills, training during operations and fires, duty night training and individual training such as reading, online and resident firefighter courses.

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING GUIDELINES

Pre-Basic Training (PBT): **All SPFD firefighter will complete Pre-Basic Training within 6 months of appointment to the Department.**

Transfer firefighters will complete a modified, tailored Pre-Basic Training program which is based upon their respective background and current training level.

FF I&II certified firefighters transferring to SPFD will receive an abbreviated PBT which will focus on Department policies and SOGs, administrative requirements and Department culture.

Non-certified firefighters will receive a tailored PBT covering similar subjects and those deemed necessary by the Chief and Training Officer after training records review, firefighter interview and background research from the firefighter's previous department. **A waiver may be granted for extension of the PBT period only by the Fire Chief.**

Firefighter I&II: All SPFD firefighters will complete the North Carolina State Firefighter Level I&II training program within **36** months of appointment. A waiver may be granted for extension of the FF I&II training period only by the Fire Chief.

CPR: All SPFD firefighters will maintain a current CPR certification. Firefighters becoming non-current will have 90 days to recertify their credentials.

In-Service Training (IST): All SPFD firefighters will complete **240** hours of in service training annually.

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