

STANDARDS COMMITTEE DELAWARE FIREFIGHTER I QUESTIONS

1. Firefighters with the proper classes listed under the Delaware Fire Fighter I will not have to be Firefighter I certified to participate in Suppression or Vehicle Rescue activities? *Committee proposing a new level – Entry Level Firefighter*
2. If they do not complete the requirements in the prescribed time, what happens? *To be addressed later.*
3. Why should all new members be required to make Firefighter I within 2 years? If they don't must we kick them out? Can it be extended? *To be addressed later.*
4. Ambulance only, Do they need this also? Can these members take EMR and Fire service orientations program only? *No. Yes.*
5. Do you have to complete training before you are able to ride? *No.*
6. CPR/AED – How can we make sure that once a FF has this, he is going to maintain it? *Responsibility of the Fire Department.*
7. Can they still participate in FF activities, or no one until they reach the age of 18 be a part of active firefighting? *May participate per department policy in some activities. Member required to have Structural Firefighting Skills to participation suppression activities.*
8. What are we to do with a new member when they first join if it is a requirement that they have all of the training listed under Delaware Fire Fighter I certification? *Explained in entry level firefighter.*
9. Will additional classes for various courses be made available? *Yes – Planning to increase programs for 2011, both at the Dover Center and Divisions.*
10. Estimated I/S Cost: is that per class/station or per student? Is it suppose to read: RIT Awareness instead of RIT Introduction? *Currently the cost is per class/program. RIT – Introduction, this is a name change.*

STANDARDS COMMITTEE DELAWARE FIREFIGHTER II QUESTIONS

1. Would a ProBoard Firefighter II be treated as an equal to the Delaware Firefighter II? *Yes, A National Cert. Firefighter II would meet the requirements of a Delaware Firefighter II.*

STANDARDS COMMITTEE DELAWARE FIRE OFFICER I QUESTIONS

1. Do Officer I & II certified members have to have 9 hrs of CEU's or 18 hrs? (9 to keep Firefighter I & II plus 9 to keep Officer I 7 II?) *9 Hours recommended continuing education.*
2. The Fire Officer I Course, can it be explained what the curriculum is for this course? *Yes, the material follows the IFSTA text book material Chapters 1 – 21 and includes ICS 200.*
3. Why is the requirement of Apparatus Operator Certification with this? *The Committee feels that an Officer needs to have an understanding of the duties and function of a Driver/Operator.*
4. Will the Fire Officer I and Fire Officer II that was given to some officers in the mid 1990's be accepted? *To be reviewed as an equivalent.*

STANDARDS COMMITTEE DELAWARE FIRE OFFICER II QUESTIONS

1. To be an administration officer, if you have DSFS Fire Officer II, do you meet the requirements? *Yes.*
2. Shouldn't Chief Officers be required to attend some type of Chief Officer training/seminar? *Fire Department Policy.*

STANDARDS COMMITTEE RIT MEMBER QUESTIONS

1. RIT Team Member Course: Are there any equivalents to this course? *To be reviewed on a case by case basis.*
2. Regarding the RIT Team Member, what is the recommended number of RIT Team Member certified people to allow the apparatus to respond? *Not within the committee's charge.*
3. Who is officering the RIT Team? *Fire Department Policy.*
4. Will the certification program expand? Will there be a Rescue Team Certification? *Not within the committee's charge. Rescue Team Certification to be reviewed.*
5. Is the driver of the fire apparatus a team member? *Fire Department Policy.*
6. If a truck responds as RIT can other non RIT be on the truck? *Fire Department Policy.*
7. Will the RIT class prior to the RIT training becoming two classes (RIT Awareness & RIT Team Member) be the In-State Equivalent training? *Yes – As an equivalent to RIT – Introduction*
8. Isn't there something about making all fire personnel that ride the ambulance be "First Responders"? *No.*

STANDARDS COMMITTEE DRIVER OPERATOR QUESTIONS

1. Fire Fighter II Certification shows an element EVO. Why? *An Officer needs to have an understanding of the Drivers duties and proper apparatus response.*
2. Driver Operator only needs to have Intro to Emergency Services? Why would an operator not need basic? *This is the minimum standard, Fire Department may require additional training.*

STANDARDS COMMITTEE GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Should a CPA be required to take these courses to be the Treasurer at a fire company? *To be addressed later.*
2. Is there any reciprocity for someone who owns a successful business or is a manager in their career? Is there allowance for advanced degrees? *To be addressed later.*
3. Where does "Fire Recorder" fall into the standard? *Fire Department Policy.*
4. What about offices specific to a task? *Fire Department Policy.*
5. Is there a way to make this automatic when the student completes the specific courses? *Members will be required to apply for a certification level.*

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7. Officers meeting requirements prior to election or appointment – Will fire companies have to submit candidates to the state prior to election/appointment to the office? *No.*
8. What happens when a company has no willing candidates for an office? *To be addressed later.*
9. How does this apply to paid personnel? *Required to meet the same standards.*
10. Do managers of paid personnel have to meet any requirements? *Required to meet the standard for the position held.*
11. EMS – Only members. Are they to be removed from a company after two years because they are not a Delaware Firefighter? *No, EMS Member only meets the state requirement currently as an EMT.*
12. When does this standard apply if the person becomes operational, the date of membership or date they became operational? *Date of membership.*
13. If a company refuses to comply, what is the corrective action? *To be addressed later.*
14. Will the City of Wilmington be required to comply? *To be addressed later.*
 - 14.a Does passing a civil service examination override the training requirements for promotion?
 - 14.b Can the city afford to send their firefighters to additional training?
 - 14.c Does Home Rule override the Fire Commission on this issue as it does with boundary issues?
 - 14.d If that is the case, is Dover exempt also?
15. If a person is removed from a company for not completing the required training, how much time must they wait to reapply or apply to another company? *Fire Department Policy.*
16. How will the State help companies fund these required mandates and training? *Not within the committee's charge.*
17. Will members be given credit for courses based on real life experience and if so, who will decide? *To be addressed later.*
18. How will these standards affect the City of Wilmington Firefighters and Officers? *Exempt.*
19. Are Emergency response unit DOT inspections to be done annually? *Yes.*
20. Define equipment inspected routinely. Monthly, Quarterly, Annually? *Recommendation of the manufacturer.*
21. Where do Safety Officers fall in the standards? *To be addressed later.*
22. With the verbiage in this document, no members under the age of 18 will be allowed to participate in fire suppression activities in enclosed structures. Is that the intent? *No, members completing Structural Firefighter Skills at 16 or above May per Fire Department policy participate in suppression activities.*
23. Will the state require fire companies to be 100% compliant or will there be a percentage of compliance that companies will have to meet? *To be addressed by the State Fire Prevention Commission.*
24. 2 Year College Degree in what field? Will degrees in Music or Cooking count? *Current requirement – 2 year college degree.*
25. Did a specific fire company neglect to provide professional service to the community due to lack of training and/or standards? *Not within the committee's charge.*

26. How did the Sunset Committee recognize the need for mandated standards for the volunteer fire service? *Not within the committee's charge.*
27. Can you explain why NFA Leadership 1, 2 and 3 were chosen? Is there a national standard for administrative officer? *Decision of the committee. Currently, No.*
28. Apparatus Operator Course: Why not make this into a pro board type standard? *Fire Department may increase requirements.*
29. When will the State require this to take place? *To be reviewed later.*
30. If the Company allows a member to ride without the qualifications then what? How is this addressed? *To be reviewed later.*
31. Will the DSFS be coming around to Stations to inspect training records, similar to how things are done with Ambulance inspections? *To be reviewed later.*
32. Why are we making the age limit 18 for a fire fighters participating in fire suppression or rescue operations? Why not 16? *Answered.*
33. What about existing time in the fire service, does it count for anything? What about our leaders DVFA, State and County, do they need any requirements? *To be reviewed.*
34. Will the Fire Commission, Fire School, or other organization over see the requirements? What will they do if it's not met? When would it be implemented? *To be reviewed.*
35. Do you have to have the Vehicle Rescue class before you ride to an MVC? *No, Fire Department Policy*
36. Which FTO courses? There are numerous providers. *Case by Case Review for equivalency.*
37. Who is the contact, and who determines what is considered an equivalent class, i.e. (Fire Officer I)? Would this be the Director of Fire School, or the Commission? *To be reviewed.*
38. What is the driving factor behind adopting standards? *Not within the committee's charge.*
39. If the minimum training standards are adopted, how will it impact the Delaware Fire Service? *Statewide minimum training an improvement to the service.*
40. Would the requirements impose an undue burden on the firefighter and maintaining a balance in their personal life? *To be reviewed.*
41. Will the NFPA Standards being adopted in the future, thus eliminating some volunteers from service? *Not within the committee's charge.*
42. Continuing Education: Would this include in-house training or be the sole responsibility of the Fire School? *This would include approved in-house training.*
43. Would in-house training include anything or should trained instructors with approved lesson plans conduct it? *Approved lesson plans.*
44. Should there be a HAZMAT requirement at the awareness level for all EMT-B's? *Currently Hazmat Awareness is covered in the EMT course.*
45. Administrative Officers: Most fire companies in the state of Delaware are private corporations; would the State of Delaware tell any other corporation or other small business within the state what training their officers are required to have to operate? *Not within the committee's charge.*
46. Would they tell all other Non-profit organizations that the State subsidizes in any way what training there officers are required to have? *Not within the committee's charge.*

47. Who will absorb the cost of evaluating training records for evaluation and equivalent training? *Fire Department.*
48. How will the expansion of training requirements promote recruiting and/or retaining a person? *Not within the committee's charge*
49. Who would become responsible for funding the increased costs in training to meet the proposed standards? *Currently the Fire Department.*
50. Where is the funding promised to assist the BLS system when the standards were legislated? *Not within the committee's charge.*
51. Will training standards result in someone dictating the Fire Service on personnel issues; how an apparatus will respond to certain calls, dictate what equipment will be permitted on the apparatus? *Not within the committee's charge.*
52. If we knew how "standards" was going to affect the way the Delaware Fire Community provided BLS service would we have really traveled down the road we are on TODAY!? *Not within the committee's charge.*
53. If "Training Standards" are adopted and implemented will the Fire Service travel down a similar road or down the identical highway completely out of the control of the Volunteers? *Not within the committee's charge.*
54. If or when these proposed "standards are adopted, when will these standards be enacted? Who or what will enforce the standards? Will our local & state appropriations including Grant in Aid be affected if the proposals are not adopted or if adopted and is not complied too?*To be reviewed later.*
55. Draft standards introduced by the Kent County Chiefs were over shadowed from both the north and the south? If that's true then why? Why doesn't the SFPC focus more on the specific hazards that threaten our State and insure that all Volunteer Fire Companies are prepared and financed to meet those challenges? *All proposals and suggestions have been reviewed in detail from all sources.*
56. What standard training requirements proposed will be funded by the State or individual Fire Companies? Will any of the proposed standards require the individual firefighter to fund out of their own pocket in order to comply with the proposed curriculum? Does the proposed standards recommended, impact Fire Company membership from pursuing an elected or appointed position within the State and/or County Fire/Chiefs/Amb & FP Associations? *Not within the committee's charge.*
57. Will these standards also impact those currently sitting on the SFPC? *Not within the committee's charge.*
58. Why create, adopt and implement if not completely certified yourself? *Not within the committee's charge.*
59. Will these standards have an effect on other aspects of the Delaware Fire Service, including the State Fire School as well as the State Fire Marshal's Office?
- 59.a Will these requirements apply to Dover Air Force Base FD as well as the City of Wilmington FD?
- 59.b What exemptions if any will be considered?
- 59.c Will implementation of these standards dissolve reciprocity from another state or Branches of the US Military pertaining to Fire/EMS training?
59. d Are these proposed standards attempting to certify or designate skill levels of our firefighters? *59.d Yes.*

60. Shouldn't the focus on training in Delaware center around the "Specific Hazards" within our State? *Not within the committee's charge.*
61. Is there not the confidence in the SFPC to continue supporting the Delaware Fire Service with planning, training and preparing the Fire Service to mitigate the specific hazards within our first due district? *Not within the committee's charge.*
62. Shouldn't designation of a fire fighters skill level again be left to the discretion of the local Fire Chief's? *No (62)*
- 62.a. Is the introduction of training standards a back door approach to forcing Delaware Fire Companies to becoming totally NIMS/ICS compliant?
63. What has occurred in this State to raise questions about training standards with any of the sixty individual Fire Companies? *Not within the committee's charge.*
64. Has the time arrived for the Delaware Fire Service to reassess the existence of the SFPC? *Not within the committee's charge.*
65. Should a committee be formed through the DVFA to develop a plan for the reorganization of the new commission? To focus on the recreation of a mission statement, the development of a comprehensive scope of work detailing the roles and responsibilities of the SFPC? In short should the Delaware Fire Service seriously consider developing "Standards" for the purposes of managing the SFPC and its members? *Not within the committee's charge*
66. How do we compare 36 hours of training with 60 semester hours of college? What is the educational requirement for the President of the U.S. or the Governor? *Not within the committee's charge*
67. Will each company be required to submit and maintain the documentation for meeting the standard? *Yes.*
68. Will the record keeping at DSFS keep track of the membership's training to meeting the requirements of the standard and give the certification met to the company/member without submitting for the certification or re certification unless of course if it is a course outside DSFS that meets the requirements? *DSFS will maintain student records which can include classes approved as an equivalent. Will require application for certification levels.*
69. How will DSFS set up sequential training so that a new member may complete the requirements as soon as possible? *Under development for 2011.*
70. Will this type of certification requirement limit the Junior Officer candidates that the Chief Officers will have to choose from? *Not the committee's charge.*
71. What happens when no one is qualified? *Not the committee's charge.*
72. If these requirements were in place right now, how many of our administrative officers would not be qualified? *Not the committee's charge.*
73. How is enforcement manageable? *To be reviewed later.*
74. Is there a specific experience or case where a fire company failed to provide a service professionally to the community due to lack of training? *Not the committee's charge.*
75. What was the basis for the Sunset Committee to determine that there was a need to impose standards on the volunteer fire service? *Not the committee's charge.*
76. If the issue was suggested to the Sunset Committee by someone outside of their Committee. Could this issue have been initiated by a partisan influence? *Not the committee's charge.*

77. Why should any company be held to a standard set by someone that does not know our particular needs? *A minimum level of training for proper delivery of services.*
78. On the administrative side, I see college is accepted, but what about those people that manage business for many years, but do not have a college education? *Equivalence to be reviewed.*
79. What are the qualifications to be a State Fire Prevention Commissioner? *Not the committee's charge.*
80. With grandfathering or service equivalents will there be some type of testing to insure that all people are up to the standards that are being mandated. *To be reviewed later.*
81. Will the State Commissioners allow credit for courses taken outside of the Delaware State Fire School? *Currently permitted, cases by case review.*
82. Why would the President of a volunteer Fire Company need some type of certification when none is needed to be a Commissioner? *Not the committee's charge.*
83. Why all of a sudden are we concerned about how each individual company operates, and why is the Delaware State Fire Commission trying to get involved with each company from an operation standpoint? *Not the committee's charge.*
84. If any of the standards require annual renewal, what will happen if a member fails to renew? *To be reviewed later.*
85. Is the Fire School going to hold classes required under the standards more often than they currently do? *Yes, scheduling for 2011.*