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**CHAPTER 0360-03-01
CLASSIFICATIONS FOR FULL-TIME AND VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS**

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0360-03-01-.01 RECRUIT FIRE FIGHTER.

- (1) A Recruit Fire Fighter is an individual recruited by a participating fire department after the date such department enters into the Commission's programs.
- (2) A Recruit Fire Fighter shall serve a probationary period to demonstrate the willingness and ability to perform the duties demanded of a fire fighter at fires and other scenes of emergency, as well as the willingness and ability to perform the routine duties in the station and elsewhere as assigned. The length of the probationary period shall be determined by the local department.
- (3) A Recruit Fire Fighter shall serve at least twelve (12) months in this classification or complete two hundred forty (240) hours of formal entry level training correlated to NFPA 472 and 1001 and containing a minimum of two (2) hours training in the area of investigating sudden unexpected infant death which has the prior approval of the Commission before qualifying to become a Fire Fighter I.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(4), 4-24-107, 4-24-107(3) and 68-1-1102.
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0360-03-01-.02 FIRE FIGHTER I.

- (1) A Fire Fighter I must successfully complete all of the requirements of Recruit Fire Fighter or Non Fire Fighter Recruit as prescribed in these rules.
- (2) A Fire Fighter I must meet the entrance requirements of NFPA 1001.
- (3) A Fire Fighter I must satisfactorily complete Hazardous Materials Awareness and Hazardous Materials Operations as prescribed in these rules.

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- (4) A Fire Fighter I must successfully complete a minimum sixteen (16) hours of initial training and basic and live fire training developed by the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy, or an equivalent course approved by the Commission.
- (5) A Fire Fighter I must satisfactorily pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.
- (6) A Fire Fighter I must successfully obtain CPR certification through an entity recognized by the Commission. A copy of the CPR card must be attached to the "Application for Written Examination."
- (7) A Fire Fighter I must successfully complete a Commission approved domestic violence course, a minimum of two (2) hours in length, within the previous three (3) years of the written test date.
- (8) A Fire Fighter I must submit proof with their application of successfully completing NIMS IS-700: An Introduction and ICS-100: Introduction to ICS training or the equivalent of each.
- (9) A Fire Fighter I shall serve at least twelve (12) months in the classification before qualifying to become a Fire Fighter II. However, an individual having previously been Certified by the Commission as a Fire Fighter II and whose Certifications are current but wishes to re-challenge the Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II levels in order to obtain an IFSAC Seal on their Certifications does not have to wait twelve (12) months before attempting to re-qualify as Fire Fighter II.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(4), 4-24-107, 4-24-107(3) and 4-24-111.
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0360-03-01-.03 FIRE FIGHTER II.

- (1) A Fire Fighter II must successfully complete all of the requirements of Fire Fighter I as prescribed in these rules.
- (2) A Fire Fighter II must satisfactorily pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.
- (3) A Fire Fighter II must successfully obtain CPR certification through an entity recognized by the Commission. A copy of the CPR card must be attached to the "Application for Written Examination."
- (4) A Fire Fighter II must successfully complete a Commission-approved domestic violence course, a minimum of two (2) hours in length, within the previous three (3) years of the written test date.
- (5) A Fire Fighter II must submit proof with their application of successfully completing NIMS IS-700: An Introduction and ICS-100: Introduction to ICS training or the equivalent of each.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(4), 4-24-107, 4-24-107(3) and 4-24-111.
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Authority: T.C.A. §§4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1994; effective February 28, 1995. Repeal filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

0360-03-01-.05 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTOR I. A fire department instructor I must successfully complete all of the requirements set forth in Rule 0360-02-02-.02, and be certified by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1990. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1994; effective February 28, 1995. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995.

0360-03-01-.06 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTOR II. A Fire Department Instructor II must successfully complete all of the requirements set forth in Rule 0360-02-02-.03, and be certified by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995.

0360-03-01-.07 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTOR III. A Fire Department Instructor III must successfully complete all of the requirements set forth in Rule 0360-02-02-.04, and be certified by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995.

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Authority: T.C.A. §§4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995. Repeal filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

0360-03-01-.09 FIRE OFFICER I.

- (1) A Fire Officer I must successfully complete all of the requirements of Journeyman Fire Fighter/Fire Fighter II and Fire Department Instructor I as prescribed in these rules and regulations, and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Fire Officer I must satisfactorily pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.
- (3) A Fire Officer I must successfully complete a Commission-approved domestic violence course, a minimum of two (2) hours in length, within the previous three (3) years of the written test date.
- (4) A Fire Officer I must submit proof with their application of successfully completing NIMS IS-700: An Introduction, ICS-100: Introduction to ICS training and ICS-200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents training or the equivalent to each.

(Rule 0360-1-1-.09, continued)

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(4), 4-24-107, 4-24-107(3) and 4-24-111.
Administrative History: Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Amendment filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995. Amendment filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-03-01-.10 FIRE OFFICER II.

- (1) A Fire Officer II must successfully complete all of the requirements of Fire Officer I as prescribed in these rules and regulations, and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Fire Officer II must satisfactorily pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.
- (3) A Fire Officer II must successfully complete a Commission-approved domestic violence course, a minimum of two (2) hours in length, within the previous three (3) years of the written test date.
- (4) A Fire Officer II must submit proof with their application of successfully completing NIMS IS-700: An Introduction, ICS-100: Introduction to ICS training and ICS-200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents training or the equivalent to each.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(4), 4-24-107, 4-24-107(3) and 4-24-111.
Administrative History: Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-03-01-.11 FIRE OFFICER III.

- (1) A Fire Officer III must successfully complete all of the requirements of Fire Officer II and Fire Department Instructor II as prescribed in these rules and regulations, and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Fire Officer III must satisfactorily pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.
- (3) A Fire Officer III must submit proof with their application of successfully completing NIMS IS-700: An Introduction, ICS-100: Introduction to ICS training, ICS-200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents training, ICS-300: Intermediate ICS training and ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System or the equivalent to each.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(4), 4-24-107 and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-03-01-.12 FIRE OFFICER IV.

- (1) A Fire Officer IV must successfully complete all of the requirements of Fire Officer III as prescribed in these rules and regulations, and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Fire Officer IV must satisfactorily pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

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- (3) A Fire Officer IV must submit proof with their application of successfully completing NIMS IS-700: An Introduction, ICS-100: Introduction to ICS training, ICS-200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents training, ICS-300: Intermediate ICS training and ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System or the equivalent to each.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(4), 4-24-107 and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1990. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-03-01-.13 REPEALED.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995.

0360-03-01-.14 REPEALED.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995.

0360-03-01-.15 REPEALED.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995.

0360-03-01-.16 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS.

- (1) A candidate for Hazardous Materials Awareness certification must successfully complete all of the requirements of Recruit Firefighter as prescribed in these rules and regulations and by Commission policy or complete the hazardous materials portion of a Commission-approved recruit training program.
- (2) A candidate for Hazardous Materials Awareness certification must successfully pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(4), 4-24-107 and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-03-01-.17 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OPERATIONS.

- (1) A candidate for Hazardous Materials Operations certification must successfully complete all of the requirements of Hazardous Materials Awareness as prescribed in these rules and regulations and by Commission policy or complete the hazardous materials portion of a Commission-approved recruit training program.
- (2) A candidate for Hazardous Materials Operations certification must successfully pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.
- (3) This level may be taken at the same time as Hazardous Materials Awareness. If the candidate does not successfully pass the examination for Hazardous Materials Awareness, the examination for Hazardous Materials Operations shall not be graded.

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Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(4), 4-24-107 and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative**

History: Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-03-01-.18 AIRPORT FIREFIGHTER.

- (1) An Airport Firefighter must successfully complete all of the requirements for Fire Fighter I as prescribed in these rules and regulations and by Commission policy.
- (2) An Airport Firefighter must successfully pass an examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

0360-03-01-.19 WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER I.

- (1) A Wildland Firefighter I must successfully complete all of the requirements for Fire Fighter I as prescribed in these rules and regulations and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Wildland Firefighter I must successfully pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

0360-03-01-.20 WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER II.

- (1) A Wildland Firefighter II must successfully complete all of the requirements for Wildland Firefighter I as prescribed in these rules and regulations and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Wildland Firefighter II must successfully pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

0360-03-01-.21 FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR I.

- (1) A Fire and Life Safety Educator I must successfully pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

0360-03-01-.22 FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR II.

- (1) A Fire and Life Safety Educator II must successfully complete all of the requirements for Fire and Life Safety Educator I as prescribed in these rules and regulations and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Fire and Life Safety Educator II must successfully pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

0360-03-01-.23 FIRE SAFETY COMPLIANCE OFFICER I.

- (1) A Fire Safety Compliance Officer I must successfully complete all of the requirements for Fire Fighter II as prescribed in these rules and regulations or be certified in compliance with T.C.A. § 68-120-113.
- (2) A Fire Safety Compliance Officer I must successfully pass an examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.
- (3) Certification as a Fire Safety Compliance Officer I does not qualify the individual as a fire prevention and building official under Tenn. Code Ann. 68-120-113.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(4), 4-24-107 and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-03-01-.24 FIRE SAFETY COMPLIANCE OFFICER II.

- (1) A Fire Safety Compliance Officer II must successfully complete all of the requirements for Fire Safety Compliance Officer I as prescribed in these rules and regulations and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Fire Safety Compliance Officer II must successfully pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.
- (3) Certification as a Fire Safety Compliance Officer II does not qualify the individual as a fire prevention and building official under Tenn. Code Ann. 68-120-113.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(4), 4-24-107 and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-03-01-.25 FIRE APPARATUS OPERATOR.

- (1) A Fire Apparatus Operator must successfully complete all of the requirements for Fire Fighter I as prescribed in these rules and regulations and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Fire Apparatus Operator must successfully pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

0360-03-01-.26 PUMPER DRIVER/OPERATOR.

- (1) A Pumper Driver/Operator must successfully complete all of the requirements for Fire Fighter I as prescribed in these rules and regulations and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Pumper Driver/Operator must successfully pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

0360-03-01-.27 AERIAL APPARATUS DRIVER/OPERATOR.

- (1) An Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator must successfully complete all of the requirements for Fire Fighter I as prescribed in these rules and regulations and by Commission policy.
- (2) An Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator must successfully pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

0360-03-01-.28 SAFETY OFFICER.

- (1) A Safety Officer must successfully complete all of the requirements for Fire Officer I as prescribed in these rules and regulations and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Safety Officer must successfully pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

0360-03-01-.29 VEHICLE AND MACHINERY RESCUE.

- (1) A Vehicle and Machinery Rescuer must successfully complete a Commission-approved NFPA 1006, Standard for Technical Rescue Professional Qualifications, compliant training program and pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106(4) and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-03-01-.30 EXTERIOR INDUSTRIAL FIRE BRIGADE MEMBER.

- (1) An Exterior Industrial Fire Brigade Member must successfully pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106(4) and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-03-01-.31 INTERIOR STRUCTURAL FIRE BRIGADE MEMBER.

- (1) An Interior Structural Fire Brigade Member must successfully complete all of the requirements for Exterior Industrial Fire Brigade Member as prescribed in these rules and regulations and by Commission policy.
- (2) An Interior Structural Fire Brigade Member must successfully pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

Authority: T.C.A §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106(4) and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-03-01-.32 NON FIRE FIGHTER RECRUIT.

- (1) A Non Fire Fighter Recruit shall complete a minimum of two hundred forty (240) hours of formal entry level training correlated to NFPA 472 and 1001 and containing a minimum of two

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(2) hours training in the area of investigating sudden unexpected infant death which has the prior approval of the Commission before qualifying to become a Fire Fighter I.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106(4), 4-24-107(3) and 68-1-1102. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.