

New Advanced Firefighter Formal Course Requirements January 1, 2011

As you are aware, the requirements contained within the Basic and Advanced Firefighter Curriculum has been changed and those changes go into effect on January 1, 2011.

Within the Advanced Firefighter there is now a requirement for employees to complete specific formal courses. Below are the specific formal courses and how to access the training.

L-180 Human Factors on the Fireline

L-180 is available by completing the module 4 test on the S-130 self paced DVD or the online link is available on the website at: <http://btutraining.org/self-paced-links> The S-130 self paced DVD was previously provided to each fire station.

To get a credit for the L-180 course, employees must provide the completed module 4 test (or an L-180 certificate copy). The module 4 test must be submitted to the Training and Safety Bureau as an attachment to the completed Advanced Firefighter check off sheet.

CAL FIRE Water Rescue Awareness

CAL FIRE Water Rescue Awareness is available by completing the CAL FIRE Water Rescue Awareness CD or the program and supporting documents are available on the website at: <http://btutraining.org/self-paced-training>

The CAL FIRE Water Rescue Awareness CD was previously provided to each fire station.

To get credit for the CAL FIRE Water Rescue Awareness course, employees must provide the completed Water Rescue Awareness test or a CAL FIRE Water Rescue Awareness certificate copy. The Water Rescue Awareness test or cert must be submitted to the Training and Safety Bureau as an attachment to the completed Advanced Firefighter check off sheet.

Basic Land Navigation

Several copies of the Basic Land Navigation manual were provided to each fire station in 2010 or the manual and supporting documents is available on the website at: <http://btutraining.org/self-paced-training>

To get credit for Basic Land Navigation, employees must complete the BTU Basic Land Navigation chapter review document. The chapter review document must be submitted to the Training and Safety Bureau as an attachment to the completed Advanced Firefighter check off sheet.

S-212 Wildfire Chain Saws

Employees will need to complete an instructor based NWCG S-212 course.

To get credit for the S-212 Wildfire Chain Saw course, employees must complete the BTU unit sponsored S-212 classroom safety course and also be certified to the level of A sawyer. The S-212 classroom safety course certification and a copy of the current Sawyer certification card must be submitted to the Training and Safety Bureau as an attachment to the completed Advanced Firefighter check off sheet.

CAL FIRE Radio Use Program Text

A copy of the CAL FIRE Radio Use Program Text and supporting documents is available on the website at: <http://btutrainig.org/self-paced-training>

To get credit for the CAL FIRE Radio Use Program Text, employees must complete the BTU Radio Use Program Text chapter review document. The chapter review document must be submitted to the Training and Safety Bureau as an attachment to the completed Advanced Firefighter check off sheet.

I-200 Basic ICS

Employees must complete an instructor based NWCG ICS-200 course. The completion of the on-line (non instructor based) ICS-200 course will not be accepted for this course requirement.

To get credit for the I-200 course, employees must submit a copy of their NWCG ICS-200 certification to the Training and Safety Bureau as an attachment to the completed Advanced Firefighter check off sheet.

Firefighter Cohesion and Entrapment Avoidance

A copy of the Firefighter Cohesion and Entrapment Avoidance DVD was placed in each fire station HQ mailbox on 10/25/10.

To get credit for the Firefighter Cohesion and Entrapment Avoidance program, employees will need to review the DVD and discuss the provided discussion questions with a permanent CAL FIRE company officer and fill out the Firefighter Cohesion and Entrapment Avoidance verification sheet. The verification sheet is available on the website at: <http://btutrainig.org/self-paced-training>

The verification sheet must be submitted to the Training and Safety Bureau as an attachment to the completed Advanced Firefighter check off sheet.

Thanks

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