

CAL FIRE 4300 Manual

2011 BASIC FIREFIGHTER (BFF) SYLLABUS USER GUIDE

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The 4300 Manual covers the Basic Firefighter skills required for the approved Basic Firefighter Syllabus. Portions of **IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting, 5th Edition** have been approved for use in conjunction with the 4300 Handbook. Those approved portions are incorporated into the Basic Firefighter syllabus. Please refer to the following bullet points when using the syllabus:

- The CAL FIRE 4300 Manual will remain the Department's training standard.
- The minimum standard for IFSTA materials and the 4300 is 80 percent.
- IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting, 5th Edition is utilized when the material adequately covers lesson objectives.
 - IFSTA Chapter Tests are not used.
 - IFSTA time frames are recommended. Subjects should be taught in the allotted time frames as per the Basic Firefighter Syllabus.
- The time frames contained in the syllabus do not contain drill times and may be adjusted based on class size.
- The IFSTA curriculum material in the 4300 Handbook is linked to the IFSTA Curriculum CD. Not all the material within a chapter is used. It is the instructor's responsibility to check the Basic Firefighter Syllabus for the correct sections to use.
- IFSTA reading assignments are considered homework and are not available online.
- The CAL FIRE Academy will provide a Final Exam on January 1st of each year. The exam will be available through the Unit Training officer.

The Basic Firefighter Course consists of two components: a Basic Firefighter Course Syllabus and a list of formal courses. All requirements listed in both section must be completed for the employee to receive the Basic Firefighter Certification.

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