

FIRE OFFICER I APPLICATION
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The Fire Officer I certification is completed through either an open challenge or following (i.e., post) an approved training program. **Please Check Method Used:** ____ Open Challenge **OR** ____ Post-Course Challenge

SECTION I

FEMA Student Identification Number (FEMA SID#): To register or view your FEMA SID, go to https://cdp.dhs.gov/FEMASID	Enter your 10-digit FEMA SID#
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Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Suffix	SSN# (last 4-digits only)
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Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	County
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Date of Birth	Primary Phone	Alternate Phone	Email Address
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Affiliation (Fire Dept./Organization)	Title/Rank	Date Hired/Joined
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Fire Dept./Organization Address	City	State	Zip Code	County
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Please Read and Check One:

- I read (or had explained to me) and understand the job performance requirements for the Fire Officer I certification test. I have no conditions which preclude me from safely or effectively performing all functions and tasks (practical skills and written test) for the level at which I am seeking national certification.
- I read (or had explained to me) and understand the job performance requirements for the Fire Officer I certification test. I will submit a request for accommodation for the written national certification test. I understand I **MUST** contact the Certification Program Manager no later than twenty-one days prior to the scheduled certification exam.

Disclosure of your social security number is required. Your social security number is being solicited pursuant to Pennsylvania Crimes Code *18 Pa C.S. 4904* and Section 7384 of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. §§ 7101 *et seq.* The Office of the State Fire Commissioner/ Pennsylvania State Fire Academy collects these numbers only for tracking, processing of certifications, and verification purposes; information is only shared where required to do so for and is not sold, bartered, rented or otherwise distributed.

By signing and dating this document, I certify that the information contained in this application and any attachments is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and submitted as true and correct in accordance with the OSFC/PSFA certification testing policy and in accordance with Pennsylvania Crimes Code *18 Pa C.S. 4904*, relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities.

[Click Here to View Candidate Handbook](#)

Signature of Candidate

Date

Test Site Official Use Only - Test Site: _____	Test Site Number: _____
Date Application Received at Test Site: _____	Date Application Approved: _____
Candidate Number: _____ Written Exam Results: ___ PASS ___ FAIL Skills Exam Results: ___ PASS ___ FAIL	

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SECTION II

Chapter 77, Section 7713 of Title 35 Health and Safety, Part V of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code reads:

“A person convicted of violating 18 Pa. C. S. § 3301 (relating to arson and related offenses) or any similar offense under Federal or State law shall be prohibited from serving as a firefighter in this Commonwealth and shall be prohibited from being certified as a firefighter under Subchapter F of Chapter 73 (relating to State Fire Commissioner).”

All individuals making application for certification testing must provide documentation of a background check. Proof of a non-conviction MUST consist of *either* of the following:

1. An official criminal history record check obtained pursuant to Chapter 91 (relating to criminal history record information) indicating no arson convictions.

OR

2. By dating and signing of the following statement by the person swearing to the following:

“I have never been convicted of an offense that constitutes the crime of “arson and related offenses” under 18 Pa. C.S 3301 or any similar offense under any Federal or State law. I hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly make any false statement herein, I am subject to penalties prescribed by law, including, but not limited to, a fine of at least \$1,000.00”

Name of Certification Candidate (please type)

Signature of Certification Candidate

Date

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SECTION III - Please Read and Complete all information:

A candidate should meet the requirements of NFPA 1582, *Standard on Medical Requirements for Firefighters and information for Fire Department Physicians* prior to physical testing to ensure their ability to safely perform the required tasks.

During your participation in certification testing, in the event of injury/illness are you protected by an insurance carrier providing hospitalization and/or Workmen's Compensation? YES___ NO___

Liability Waiver

I, the undersigned, have hospitalization insurance and do hereby release the following individuals and organizations from any and all liabilities or causes of action for any injuries or illness incurred during or after my participation in the Voluntary Certification Program Test sponsored by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner/Pennsylvania State Fire Academy, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and hosted by the

(Name of Test Site)

The release covers all the aforementioned individuals and agencies as well as their agents, employees, or volunteers participating in this event.

This release covers all injuries or illnesses occurring during or as a result of the activities engaged in by the undersigned during the Voluntary Certification examination including any injuries which might result from physical abuse from third party participants or other individuals in or around the area where the examination is being conducted.

This release is intended to release all injuries, damages, or law suits to the undersigned person and property, whether known, unknown, foreseen, unforeseen, patent or latent which the undersigned may have against the Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC), the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Host Entity, or its agents as listed above. The undersigned understands and acknowledges the significance and consequence of such specific intentions to release all claims, and hereby assumes full responsibility for any injuries, damages, or losses that may occur from the above-mentioned event.

By signing and dating of this document **I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE** that **I HAVE READ THE CONTENTS** of this waiver, and that **I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SAID CONTENTS** of the release, and that **I HAVE SIGNED INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND.**

Candidate Name (please type)

Signature of Candidate

Date

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SECTION IV

It is understood that the candidate registered on this form has done so with the full knowledge, consent, and approval of the named organization on page one of this application; and is protected by an insurance carrier or the organization. Furthermore, I attest that the candidate meets the requirements noted in Section III of this application. Participation approved by:

Name of Chief Officer (please type)	Daytime Phone	Email
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Signature of Chief Officer	Title	Date
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SECTION V

NFPA 1021 Chapter 4 JPR 4.1 Requirements

For certification at Fire Officer I level, the candidate shall meet the following requirements:

1. Successful completion of an approved Incident Command Course: (JPR 4.4.4) **Please check one.**
 - _____ Incident Command System Course - National Fire Academy
 - _____ NIMS ICS for Fire Service
 - _____ Incident Command System and Resource Management for the Fire Service
 - _____ NIMS ICS for EMS
 - _____ NFA ICS 100 and 200 (Independent Study or Facilitated Courses)

2. Firefighter II Certification as defined in NFPA 1001, (JPR 4.1). Attach a copy of your certificate.

Firefighter II Certification Number: _____

3. Fire Instructor I Certification as defined in NFPA 1041, (JPR 4.1) Attach a copy of your certificate.

Fire Service Instructor I Certification Number: _____

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1. **Hazardous Materials Training or Certification:** Candidates **MUST** be trained or certified at the Hazardous Materials Operations Level in accordance with NFPA 472 (2013) *Standard for Professional Competency of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents*, Chapter 5 (Core Competencies) and Chapter 6 (Mission-Specific), Section 6.2 (PPE) and Section 6.6 (Product Control) **OR** NFPA 1072 (2017) *Standards for Hazardous Material /Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications*, Chapter 5 (Operations Level Responders) and Chapter 6 (Mission-Specific), Section 6.2 (PPE) and Section 6.6 (Product Control). **OR** NFPA 470 (2022) *Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Standard for Responders*. Chapters 6 (Operations Core Competencies 472), chapter 7 (Operations Core Competencies 1072), chapter 8 (Operations Mission Specific 472) section 8.2 (PPE) and section 8.6 (Product Control) and Chapter 9 (Operations Mission Specific 1072) section 9.2 (PPE) and section 9.6 (Product Control)

Attach a copy of one of the following recognized certificates (Jones & Bartlett curriculum):

- Hazardous Materials Operations Level, **OR**
- Hazardous Materials Operations Level Annual Refresher

To meet this pre-requisite, you must show proof of completing a current course, refresher course, or certification certificate. The training or certification certificate must be **dated within one year** of the date of this application. Any training or certification certificate greater than one year from the date of this application will **NOT** be accepted for fulfilling this pre-requisite.

METHOD FOR COMPLETING CERTIFICATION

Fire Officer I certification is completed either by open challenge or following (i.e., post) an approved training program. **Please Check Method Used:** _____ Open Challenge _____ Post-Course Completion

Open Challenge:

You must submit the application and practical skills (i.e., practicum) to certify by this method. Six (6) parts to this challenge exam are outlined in the application. Section VI of the application provides specific details about what is required for the practicum. Additional information can also be found within this handbook. All materials **MUST** be assembled sequentially from Parts I through VI. Materials used to complete each part **MUST** be appropriately labeled, indicating the JPR(s) met. Your materials will be evaluated against the JPRs of chapter 4 NFPA 1021 *for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2020 Edition*. Furthermore, materials submitted **MUST** be the candidate's original work.

NOTE: You should contact the certification staff at the Academy before starting the open challenge process.

Post-Course Challenge:

To certify by this method, you **MUST** successfully complete a Fire Officer I course of instruction approved by the State Fire Academy within one (1) year of the date of this application. You **MUST** also successfully pass the written and practical skills and provide a current certification application. Applying, taking the written test, and completing the required practical skills are coordinated through an approved test site.

NOTE: You must submit a copy of your Fire Officer I course completion certificate with your application.

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SECTION VI - Complete this section only if using the Open Challenge method.

There are six (6) parts to this challenge exam. Each part is identified below; additional information is found in the Fire Officer I Candidate Handbook. All materials should be assembled sequentially from Part I through VI. Materials used to complete each part **MUST** be labeled appropriately, indicating the JPR(s) met; furthermore, materials submitted **MUST** be the candidate's original work written specifically for this certification.

PART I – HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1. JPR 4.2.1, 4.6.2, 4.2.6 (4.1.1, 4.1.2) – Provide the following
PA State Fire Academy Certification Program Fire Officer I Skill Sheet A
Refer to Guide 1 in the Fire Officer 1 Candidate Handbook.
2. JPR 4.2.2 (4.1.1, 4.1.2) – Provide the following
PA State Fire Academy Certification Program Fire Officer I Skill Sheet B
Refer to Guide 1 in the Fire Officer 1 Candidate Handbook.
3. JPR 4.2.3(4.1.1, 4.1.2) – Provide the following
PA State Fire Academy Certification Program Fire Officer I Skill Sheet C
Refer to Guide 1 in the Fire Officer 1 Candidate Handbook.
4. JPR 4.2.4, 4.2.6 (Human Resource Management) - Provide **ONE** of the following:
 - PA State Fire Academy Certification Program Fire Officer I Skill Sheet D
Refer to Guide 2 in the Fire Officer 1 Candidate Handbook.
 - National Fire Academy, Fire Service Supervision Course #Q318
 - A formal course of instruction (such as a college-level management or human resources course) addressing the pre-requisite knowledge and pre-requisite skills listed under JPR's 4.2.4, 4.2.5, and 4.2.6 of the current edition of NFPA 1021. A certificate OR a transcript and the course syllabus **MUST** be attached, confirming this fact. It is the candidate's responsibility to submit all the required documentation.
5. JPR 4.2.5 (Human Resource Management) - Provide the following:
Candidate **MUST** attach a one-page essay (minimum of 200 words) written by the candidate on the topic:

"HOW TO DEAL FAIRLY, FIRMLY, AND EQUALLY WITH PERSONS UNDER MY COMMAND"

PART II – COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

6. JPR 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3 (4.1.1, 4.1.2) – Provide one of the following:
 - PA State Fire Academy Certification Program Fire Officer I Skill Sheet E
 - Fire & Life Safety Educator I Certification
 - A formal course of instruction (such as a college-level management or human resources course) addressing the pre-requisite knowledge and pre-requisite skills listed under JPR's 4.3.1, 4.3.2, and 4.3.3 of the current edition of NFPA 1021. A certificate OR a transcript and course syllabus must be attached, confirming this fact. It is the candidate's responsibility to submit all the required documentation.

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PART III – ADMINISTRATION

7. JPR 4.4.1, 4.4.2 (4.1.1, 4.1.2) – Provide one of the following:

- PA State Fire Academy Certification Program Fire Officer I Skill Sheet F
- A formal course of instruction (such as a college-level management or human resources course) addressing the pre-requisite knowledge and pre-requisite skills listed under JPR's 4.4.1, 4.4.2, and 4.4.4 of the current edition of NFPA 1021. A certificate OR a transcript and course syllabus must be attached, confirming this fact. It is the candidate's responsibility to submit all the required documentation.

8. JPR 4.4.2, 4.4.5 (Administration) – Provide the following items:

- The candidate **MUST** attach a copy of their fire department's incident ("run") report, properly completed for an actual incident by the candidate. The report must meet the NFIRS reporting standards.

AND

- The candidate **MUST** attach a one-page essay (**minimum 200 words**) written by the candidate on the topic:

"EXPLAIN THE NEEDS AND BENEFITS OF COLLECTING INCIDENT RESPONSE DATA"

9. JPR 4.4.3 Budget - Provide the following:

Given a need and budget form(s), prepare a budget request so that the request is in the proper format and is supported with data.

Refer to Guide 10 in the Candidate Handbook for more information.

PART IV – INSPECTION AND INVESTIGATION

10. JPR 4.5.1, 4.5.2, 4.5.3 (Inspection & Investigation) - Provide one of the following:

- NFA Arson Detection for the First Responder (ADFR)
- National Certification (ProBoard or IFSAC) Fire Inspector I and ADFR
- National Certification, (ProBoard or IFSAC) Fire Inspector I and PSFA Fire Officer I Skill Sheet G
- National Certification, (ProBoard or IFSAC) Fire Investigator I
- A formal course of instruction presented by an accredited agency (such as a state fire academy) addressing the pre-requisite knowledge and pre-requisite skills listed under JPR's 4.5.1, 4.5.2, and 4.5.3 of the current edition of NFPA 1021. A certificate OR a transcript and course syllabus must be attached, confirming this fact. It is the candidate's responsibility to submit all the required documentation.

PART V – EMERGENCY SERVICES DELIVERY

11. JPR 4.6.1 (Pre-Incident Planning) Provide the following

PA State Fire Academy Certification Program Fire Officer I Skill Sheet H

12. JPR 4.6.2 (Incident Action Plan) Provide the following:

- PA State Fire Academy Certification Program Fire Officer I Skill Sheet I

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- A formal course of instruction presented by an accredited agency (such as a state fire academy) addressing the pre-requisite knowledge and pre-requisite skills listed under JPR's 4.6.1 of the current NFPA 1021. A certificate **OR** a transcript and course syllabus must be attached, confirming this fact. It is the candidate's responsibility to submit all the required documentation.

13. JPR 4.6.3 (Post-Incident Analysis) Provide the following

PA State Fire Academy Certification Program Fire Officer I Skill Sheet K

PART VI – HEALTH AND SAFETY

14. JPR 4.7.1 (Health & Safety) Provide the following

Candidate **MUST** attach a company-level standard operating procedure (developed and written by the candidate) regarding infectious disease/bloodborne pathogen safety and control.

15. JPR 4.7.2, 4.7.3 (Accident Investigation) - Provide one of the following:

- PA State Fire Academy Certification Program Fire Officer I Skill Sheet J
- NFA Health and Safety Officer Course, **OR** Certification
- A formal course of instruction (such as a college-level occupational safety course) addressing the pre-requisite knowledge and pre-requisite skills listed under JPR's 4.7.1, 4.7.2, and 4.7.3 of the current edition of NFPA 1021. A certificate **OR** a transcript and course syllabus must be attached, confirming this fact. It is the candidate's responsibility to submit all the required documentation.

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Pre-requisite Verification Form

Candidate Name: _____

My signature below indicates that I have read and understood the requirements of this program, Fire Officer I. Furthermore, I meet the standards or the Authority Having Jurisdiction pre-requisites.

- _____ I am 18 years of age or older.
- _____ I signed the Chapter 77, Section 7713 of Title 35 form or provided an official criminal history record check obtained pursuant to Chapter 91.
- _____ I signed the application.
- _____ I had a chief officer sign Section IV of this application.
- _____ I signed the liability waiver in Section III of the application.
- _____ I attached a copy of an approved Incident Command Course(s).
- _____ I attached a copy of my Firefighter II certification certificate.
- _____ I attached a copy of my Fire Instructor I certification certificate.
- _____ I attached a copy of my Fire Officer 1 course completion certificate (*if applicable*).
- _____ I attached a copy of an approved course certificate for a current HAZMAT Operations course or refresher course (Jones & Bartlett curriculum) or a certification certificate dated within one year.

Complete this section only for the Open Challenge Method

- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.2.1 (Skill A: Emergency Incident)
- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.2.2 (Skill B: Non-Emergency Incident)
- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.2.3 (Skill C: Training Evolution)
- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.2.4 and 4.2.6 (Personnel Policy)
- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.2.5 (Human Resources Management)
- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.3.1, 4.3.2, and 4.3.3 (Community Relations)
- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.4.1, 4.4.2, and 4.4.4 (Administration)

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- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.4.3 (Budget)
- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.4.2 and 4.4.5 (Incident Report & Essay)
- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.5.1, 4.5.2, and 4.5.3 (Inspection & Investigation)
- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.6.1 (Pre-Incident Planning)
- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.6.2 (Incident Action Plan)
- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.6.3 (Post-Incident Analysis)
- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.7.1 (Health & Safety)
- _____ I attached the completed documentation for JPR 4.7.2 and 4.7.3 (Accident Investigation)

Testing Assistance

- _____ I am physically capable of completing the practical skill exercises.
- _____ I am able to read and comprehend the written test and related materials.
- _____ I ***will not*** be submitting a request for accommodation for the National Certification exam.

OR

- _____ I ***will*** be submitting a request for accommodation for the National Certification exam. I understand that I **MUST** contact the Certification Program Manager no later than two weeks prior to the certification exam.

Candidate Name (Print or Type)

Signature of Candidate

Date