OHIO

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR

INSTRUCTOR GUIDE

This guide is divided into five parts; course overview, suggested hours, objective check-off, skill tests, and scenarios. The purpose of this guide is to help you conduct your class and to standardize fire safety inspector training across the state.

Overview

The fire safety inspector course covers all objectives for Fire Inspector 1 in NFPA 1031, 2009 edition. It is a minimum of 72 hours and must be completed within a consecutive twelve month period from the start date of the course.

Students enrolling in the course must possess a thorough understanding and knowledge of the characteristics and behavior of fire, fire prevention, oral and written communications, and basic mathematics.

In addition to the course textbook each student must have a copy of the current Ohio Fire Code and Ohio Building Code. You may use your fire department code books if they meet the current codes used in Ohio.

Upon completion of all course objectives, students will be required to pass the skills tests and all course requirements prior to taking the state written examination. The course must challenge the student's ability to utilize the Ohio Fire Code and Ohio Building Code. The state written examination covers information from the course text.

Suggested Hours Guide (Tab A)

This guide provides you with the recommended hours per objective to conduct the fire safety inspector course in seventy two hours. The instructor and program director must work together to tailor the course to the needs of your audience. The course is a minimum of 72 hours of instructional time and does not include breaks or state testing.

Objective check-off sheets (Tab B)

Each student must have an objective check-off sheet. It is important that these be kept up to date during the course. The objective check-off sheets include the objective, and critical skills to base your assessment on. The instructor and student are required to initial and date each objective when it is completed. The verification page must be signed by the instructor and the student, and given to the program director prior to testing.

Skill Tests (Tab C)

There is a skill test sheet for each NFPA objective. The skill sheets are required and are a tool for you to use in evaluating the student's mastery of the critical skills for each objective. It is important that in addition to demonstrating their knowledge on written examinations, it is important for the students to be able to apply their knowledge to practical situations. Each student must receive all 22 skills at the beginning of the course. Each student must pass 10 random skill tests chosen by the program director. Each skill must be passed for completion of skill tests. Student will be allowed one retest for failed skills.

Final Examination

The final examination will consist of 50 closed book and 50 open book questions. The combined time permitted on the final examination will be 3 hours. The closed book examination will be from the course objective created from the NFPA 1031 standards for Fire Inspector I. The open book examination will test on the codes from the current Ohio Fire Code and Ohio Building Codes.