

Attention Ohio Fire Instructors and Assistant Fire Instructors

The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services has instituted a new state certification for Live Fire Instructor (LFI):

- The Live Fire Instructor certification will be required for all fire instructors and assistant fire instructors who provide instruction in live fire training evolutions *required for certification as a firefighter*.
 - **The Live Fire Instructor certification will be available on January 1, 2018, the effective date of the new fire training rules.**
 - **Live Fire Instructor applications will be available after 1/1/18 on the Division of EMS website: www/ems.ohio.gov.**
 - **The Live Fire Instructor certification will not be required until January 1, 2021, allowing for a three year implementation period.**
- Certification requirements vary depending on when a fire instructor or assistant fire instructor received initial certification as an instructor, **with a “grandfathering” option available for instructors certified on or before April 6, 2014.**
 - Certification requirements are provided, in detail, on page 2 of this email (*Live Fire Instructor Certification Requirements by Date* table).
- Instructors who are affiliated with a chartered fire training program and have already submitted their Live Fire Instructor applications through a chartered program may disregard this notice.
- Although the requirement to be certified as a Live Fire Instructor applies to individuals who provide instruction in live fire training evolutions required for certification as a firefighter, all fire instructors and assistant fire instructors participating in live fire training evolutions are encouraged to become certified.
- Regardless of certification “grandfathering”, all fire instructors and assistant fire instructors providing instruction in live fire training evolutions are encouraged to complete the Live Fire Training Operations Course.
 - The Live Fire Training Operations Course is available from select Ohio chartered fire training institutions.
 - Information on Live Fire Training Operations Course admission requirements and qualifications is provided on page 3 of this email.
- Questions regarding the Live Fire Instructor certification should be directed to:

Division of Emergency Medical Services

1.800.233.0785

ems-firecertifications@dps.ohio.gov

We thank you for the services you provide instructing Ohio’s fire service personnel and appreciate your cooperation and patience as we move toward providing a safe and effective training environment for Ohio’s fire service.

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Live Fire Instructor Certification Requirements by Date

<p>Applicants who possessed a Fire Instructor or Assistant Fire Instructor certification on or before April 6, 2014</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p>	<p>Applicants who obtained a Fire Instructor or Assistant Fire Instructor certification Apr 7, 2014 through December 31, 2017</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p>	<p>Applicants who obtain a Fire Instructor or Assistant Fire Instructor certification on or after January 1, 2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p>
<p>Grandfathered – if acquired instructor certification on or before April 6, 2014, with no expiration or reinstatement prior to submission of application (subsequent to approval of Live Fire Instructor application)</p>	<p>Must complete the 24-hr "Live Fire Training Operations Course"</p>	<p>Must complete the 24-hr "Live Fire Training Operations Course"</p>
<p>Must submit a completed "Live Fire Instructor Initial Application" prior to January 1, 2021</p>	<p>Must submit a completed "Live Fire Instructor Initial Application" prior to January 1, 2021</p>	<p>Must complete "Ohio Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) for Live Fire Training - Operations Level" within twelve months of completing the "Live Fire Training Operations Level Course"</p>
<p>Application will be available after 1/1/18 on the Division of EMS website: www.ems.ohio.gov</p>	<p>Application will be available after 1/1/18 on the Division of EMS website: www.ems.ohio.gov</p>	<p>Must submit a completed "Live Fire Instructor Initial Application" within 90 days after completion of "Ohio JPRs for Live Fire Training - Ops Level" (application will be available upon successful completion of the JPRs)</p>

**** All applicants must possess a Firefighter I or Firefighter II certification to be eligible for a Live Fire Instructor Certification****

Live Fire Training Operations Course Information

Admission Requirements:

1. Student shall hold a valid Fire Instructor or Assistant Fire Instructor certificate and a Firefighter I or Firefighter II certificate that is in good standing.
2. Student shall have an agency sponsor and shall provide a letter signed by their chief and/or training officer approving their participation in the course.
3. Completion of National Incident Management System, ICS 100 or online equivalent.
4. Completion of National Incident Management System, ICS 200.
5. Completion of National Incident Management System, IS 700.

Qualifications for Live Fire Instructor Certification

1. Applicants shall hold a valid Fire Instructor or Assistant Fire Instructor certificate and a Firefighter I or Firefighter II certificate that is in good standing.
2. Applicants shall complete the "Live Fire Training Operations Course" through a chartered program, except that credit may be given for successful completion of a substantially similar live fire training course when approved by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS Executive Director.
3. Applicants shall complete the "Live Fire Training Operations Level Positional Job Performance Requirement Check-Off" under the auspices of a chartered program within twelve months of completion of the "Live Fire Training Operations Course."
4. Applicants shall submit a completed "Live Fire Instructor Initial Application" within 90 days after completion of the "Live Fire Training Operations Level Positional Job Performance Requirement Check-Off."

Questions regarding Live Fire Instructor Course admission requirements or Live Fire Instructor qualifications may be directed to the chartered fire training program providing the Live Fire Training Operations Course or the Education Section of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services at FireEducation@dps.ohio.gov or 1.800.233.0785.