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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No. 360 Department or Agency Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission

Rule No. 360-X-5-.03

Rule Title: Certified Fire Investigator III

         New       Amend               Repeal               Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?          Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?          Yes

Is there another less restrictive method of Regulation available that could adequately protect the public?          No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?          No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?          No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?          Yes

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?          No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.  
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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer         *Mi*        

Date         8/21/2012        

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**ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE  
AND PERSONNEL STANDARDS COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE:

360-X-5-.02 Certified Fire Investigator II  
360-X-5-.03 Certified Fire Investigator III  
360-X-5-.04 Certified Accelerant Detection Canine Handler  
360-X-5-.05 Certified Explosives Detection Canine Handler

INTENDED ACTION: Amendment of Certification Standards for Fire Service Personnel

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

To correct errors in the original submission of certification requirements for the Fire Investigator series.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

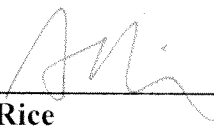
Comments may be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission, 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405, at any time from August 31, 2012 through October 17, 2012, or orally at a public hearing to be held Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 9:00 am in Room 110 of the Alabama Fire College, located at 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Comments will be accepted until the close of the public hearing on the matter on October 17, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 360-X-5  
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED FIRE INVESTIGATOR

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360-X-5-.01 Certified Fire Investigator.

- (1) Requirements
  - (a) The candidate must be at least 18 years of age.
  - (b) The candidate must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.
  - (c) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.
    - 1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.
    - 2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.
    - 3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required to perform the duties of a Fire Investigator.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify in terms of performance objectives the minimum standards of professional competence required for service as a Fire Investigator. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General

1. The standards for each level of professional competence shall be completed in accordance with recognized practices and procedures or as may be defined by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

2. The objectives are not required to be mastered in the order in which they appear. The Alabama Fire College shall establish the instructional priorities and the training program content to prepare individuals to meet the performance objectives of this standard.

3. The candidate for Fire Investigator shall meet all of the objectives for Fire Investigator before being certified.

(3) Objectives.

(a) The objectives of this standard are based on the ability of the Fire Investigator to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Fire Investigator, current edition.

**Author:** W. L. Langston

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§36-32-1, 36-32-12.

**History:** Filed November 7, 1991. **New Rule:** Filed May 6, 1994, Effective June 10, 1994. **Amended:** Filed January 22, 2001; effective February 26, 2001. **Amended:** Filed December 13, 2002; effective January 17, 2003. **Amended:** Filed July 26, 2005; effective July 30, 2005.

360-X-5-.02 Certified Fire Investigator II.

(1) Requirements

(A) The candidate must be A Certified Fire Investigator ~~±~~.

(b) The candidate must be at least 18 years of age.

(c) The candidate must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

(d) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required to perform the duties of a Fire Investigator II.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify in terms of performance objectives the minimum standards of professional competence required for service as a Fire Investigator II. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General

1. The standards for each level of professional competence shall be completed in accordance with recognized practices and procedures or as may be defined by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

2. The objectives are not required to be mastered in the order in which they appear. The Alabama Fire College shall establish the instructional priorities and the training program content to prepare individuals to meet the performance objectives of this standard.

3. The candidate for Fire Investigator II shall meet all of the objectives for Fire Investigator II before being certified.

(3) Objectives.

(a) The objectives of this standard are based on the ability of the Fire Investigator II to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Fire Investigator II, current edition.

**Author:** Allan C Rice

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§36-32-1, 36-32-12.

**History: New Rule:** Filed, Effective

**360-X-5-.01 Certified Fire Investigator III.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Fire Investigator II.

(b) The candidate must be at least 18 years of age.

(c) The candidate must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

(d) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required to perform the duties of a Fire Investigator III.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify in terms of performance objectives the minimum standards of professional competence required for service as a Fire Investigator III. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General

1. The standards for each level of professional competence shall be completed in accordance with recognized practices and procedures or as may be defined by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

2. The objectives are not required to be mastered in the order in which they appear. The Alabama Fire College shall establish the instructional priorities and the training program content to prepare individuals to meet the performance objectives of this standard.

3. The candidate for Fire Investigator III shall meet all of the objectives for Fire Investigator III before being certified.

(3) Objectives.

(a) The objectives of this standard are based on the ability of the Fire Investigator to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Fire Investigator III, current edition.

**Author:** Allan C Rice

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§36-32-1, 36-32-12.

**History:** **New Rule:** Filed, Effective

**360-X-5-.04 Certified Accelerant Detection Canine Handler**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be at least 18 years of age.

(b) The candidate must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

(c) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.
2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.
3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required to perform the duties of an Accelerant Detection Canine Handler.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify in terms of performance objectives the minimum standards of professional competence required for service as an Accelerant Detection Canine Handler. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General

1. The standards for each level of professional competence shall be completed in accordance with recognized practices and procedures or as may be defined by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

2. The objectives are not required to be mastered in the order in which they appear. The Alabama Fire College shall establish the instructional priorities and the training program content to prepare individuals to meet the performance objectives of this standard.

3. The candidate for Accelerant Detection Canine Handler shall meet all of the objectives for ~~Fire Investigator~~ Accelerant Detection Canine Handler before being certified.

(3) Objectives.

(a) The objectives of this standard are based on the ability of the ~~Fire Investigator~~ Accelerant Detection Canine Handler to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Accelerant Detection Canine Handler, current edition.

**Author:** Allan C Rice

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§36-32-1, 36-32-12.



History:      New Rule:    Filed, Effective

**360-X-5-.05      Certified Explosives Detection Canine Handler**

(1)            Requirements

(a)            The candidate must be at least 18 years of age.

(b)            The candidate must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

(c)            Examination. There will be an examination for state certification provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1.            An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2.            Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3.            All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2)            Administration

(a)            Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required to perform the duties of an Explosives Detection Canine Handler.

(b)            Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify in terms of performance objectives the minimum standards of professional competence required for service as an Explosives Detection Canine Handler. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c)            General

1.            The standards for each level of professional competence shall be completed in accordance with recognized practices and procedures or as may be defined by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

2.            The objectives are not required to be mastered in the order in which they appear. The Alabama Fire College shall establish the instructional priorities and the training program

content to prepare individuals to meet the performance objectives of this standard.

3. The candidate for Explosives Detection Canine Handler shall meet all of the objectives for ~~Fire Investigator~~ Explosives Detection Canine Handler before being certified.

(3) Objectives.

(a) The objectives of this standard are based on the ability of the ~~Fire Investigator~~ Explosives Detection Canine Handler to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Explosives Detection Canine Handler, current edition.

**Author:** Allan C Rice

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§36-32-1, 36-32-12.

**History:** **New Rule:** Filed, Effective