

**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-6-.03 Certified Fire Officer III

INTENDED ACTION: Amendment of Certification Standards for Fire Service Personnel

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To remove a prerequisite from the certification process for Certified Fire Officer III in order to maintain consistency with the national standard for this certification level.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views orally or 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 February 27, 2015 through April 21, 2015, or orally at a public hearing to be held Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. 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 April 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

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CHAPTER 360-X-6
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED FIRE OFFICER

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1. Requirements

- a. The candidate must be a Certified Fire Officer II.
- b. ~~The candidate must be a Certified Fire Instructor II.~~
- c. Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression 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 level of competence required to perform the duties of a Fire Officer III.
- b. Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements for professional service as a Fire Officer III. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements. This standard

shall cover the requirements for the Fire Officer III level of progression.

c. **General.**

1. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.
2. The Fire Officer II shall meet all of the objectives for Fire Officer III before being certified at the Fire Officer III level; and the objectives for each succeeding level in the progression shall be met before being certified at the next higher level.

3. **Objectives**

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

4. **Alternative Certification**

- a. Individuals not certified to the Fire Officer II and ~~Fire Instructor II~~ level completing equivalent coursework as approved by the Commission are eligible for alternative certification under the following conditions:
 1. Alabama state licensed Emergency Medical Technicians certified as ~~EMS or Rescue Instructor II~~ and EMS or Rescue Officer II may be certified as EMS Officer III.
 2. Individuals certified as ~~EMS or Rescue Instructor II~~ and EMS or Rescue Officer II and able to demonstrate particular competence in the area of rescue operations may be certified as Rescue Officer III.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§36321 thru 363212.

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