



NFPA Standard	No.	MFA Course Certification Levels
Firefighter	1001	Firefighter I, II, I/II
Driver / Operator	1002	Pumper, Aerial
Technical Rescuer	1006	Rope I/II, Confined Space I/II, Trench I/II
Fire Officer	1021	Fire Officer I, II, III
Fire Investigator	1033	Fire Investigator
Public Fire and Life Safety Educator	1035	Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I
Fire Instructor	1041	Fire Instructor I, II
Hazardous Materials	472	Hazardous Materials Operation Level Responder with Product Control Mission; Technician Level
Incident Safety Officer	1521	Fire Suppression, Hazardous Materials Operations

**Certification is the verification that a candidate has successfully completed an evaluation of his/her knowledge, skills and abilities against the national standard. Individuals that successfully pass a certification exam are certified. The Massachusetts Fire Training Council is accredited through the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board) to certify members of the fire service.**

All certifications are based on consensus standards promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

With the exception of Fire Instructor II and Fire Officer III, which utilize the project method to validate the skill set, the Massachusetts Fire Training Council does not

require firefighters to obtain their knowledge, skills or abilities through the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Our certification exams serve as a true independent evaluation of your skills regardless of where you obtained them (i.e. local fire department, regional fire training Academy, community college or self-study).

Related Fire Academy courses address the standard completely or in part. Other training and study may be necessary to successfully obtain certification.

The following pages explain the process for each level of certification including any prerequisite certifications. All applicants for certification must be 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma or GED and be a member of the Massachusetts Fire Service.

**Level: Firefighter I, Firefighter I/II**

NFPA Standard: 1001

Prerequisite Certifications: None

Other Requirements: Medical First Responder and HazMat training.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Career Basic Recruit Firefighter Training
- Call/Volunteer Firefighter Training Program

**Level: Firefighter II**

NFPA Standard: 1001

Prerequisite Certifications: Firefighter I

Other Requirements: Medical First Responder and HazMat training.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Career Basic Recruit Firefighter Training
- Call/Volunteer Firefighter Training Program

**Level: Driver/Operator Pumper**

NFPA Standard: 1002

Prerequisite Certifications: Firefighter I or Firefighter I/II

Other Requirements: Current and valid operator's license issued by the state of the candidate's residence.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Emergency Vehicle Operator – Advanced
- Pumps and Hydraulics
- Motor Pump Operator

**Level: Driver/Operator Aerial**

NFPA Standard: 1002

Prerequisite Certifications: Firefighter I or Firefighter I/II

Other Requirements: Current and valid operator's license issued by the state of the candidate's residence.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Emergency Vehicle Operator – Advanced
- Pumps and Hydraulics
- Motor Pump Operator
- Aerial/Tower Ladder

**Level: Fire Instructor I**

NFPA Standard: 1041

Prerequisite Certifications: Firefighter I/II or Firefighter II

Other Requirements: None

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.):*

- Fire Instructor I

**Level: Fire Instructor II**

NFPA Standard: 1041

Prerequisite Certifications: Fire Instructor I

Other Requirements: None

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Fire Instructor II

**Level: Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I**

NFPA Standard: 1035

Prerequisite Certifications: None

Other Requirements: Position incumbent, training, and 20-hours of documented field experience teaching target populations.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Public Fire and Life Safety Educator

**Level: Fire Officer I**

NFPA Standard: 1021

Prerequisite Certifications: Fire Instructor I

Other Requirements: Prerequisite certifications may be waived, see application for details.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Fire Officer I

**Level: Fire Officer II**

NFPA Standard: 1021

Prerequisite Certifications: Fire Officer I

Other Requirements: Prerequisite certifications may be waived, see application for details.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Fire Officer II

**Level: Fire Officer III**

NFPA Standard: 1021

Prerequisite Certifications: Fire Officer II; Fire Instructor I

Other Requirements: Applicants must complete the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy *Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program*.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program

**Level: Incident Safety Officer – Fire Suppression**

NFPA Standard: 1521

Prerequisite Certifications: Fire Officer I

Other Requirements: 16 hours of documented training specific to the incident safety officer role.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Incident Safety Officer

**Level: Incident Safety Officer – Hazardous Materials Operations**

NFPA Standard: 1521

Prerequisite Certifications: Fire Officer I; Hazardous Materials – Technician

Other Requirements: 16 hours of documented training specific to the incident safety officer role.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Incident Safety Officer

**Level: Hazardous Materials – Operations Level Responder**

NFPA Standard: 472

Prerequisite Certifications: None

Other Requirements: Documented training covering the objectives of this standard.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.):*

- Hazardous Materials – Operations Level Responder

**Level: Hazardous Materials Technician**

NFPA Standard: 472

Prerequisite Certifications: Hazardous Materials – Operations Level Responder

Other Requirements: Documented training covering the objectives of this standard.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Hazardous Materials Technician

**Level: Technical Rescuer – Rope Rescue I/II**

NFPA Standard: 1006

Prerequisite Certifications: None

Other Requirements: Medical First Responder, training to meet the objectives of hazardous materials- operations level responder, trained to the objectives contained in Rope Rescue I/II.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.):*

- Rope Rescue – Operational
- Rope Rescuer – Technician

**Level: Technical Rescuer – Confined Space Rescue I/II**

NFPA Standard: 1006

Prerequisite Certifications: Technical Rescuer – Rope Rescue I/II

Other Requirements: Medical First Responder, training to meet the objectives of Hazardous Materials – Operations Level Responder, trained to the objectives contained in Confined Space Rescue I/II.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Confined Space Rescue

**Level: Technical Rescuer – Trench Rescue I/II**

NFPA Standard: 1006

Prerequisite Certifications: Technical Rescuer – Rope Rescue I/II

Other Requirements: Medical First Responder, training to meet the objectives of hazardous materials- operations level responder, trained to the objectives contained in Trench Rescue I/II.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Trench Rescue

**Level: Fire Investigator**

NFPA Standard: 1033

Prerequisite Certifications: None

Other Requirements: Position incumbent, 100 hours of documented fire investigation training, and participation in at least 50 documented fire investigations.

Related Fire Academy Courses:

*(These courses only apply to this standard. Please see the prerequisite standards for their related courses.)*

- Basic Fire Investigation
- Advanced Fire Investigation