



Fire Prevention Training Programs

Our comprehensive fire prevention training programs provide members of the fire service with the skills to perform all levels of fire prevention work in the community, to build on their knowledge and experience.

Fire Prevention Officer – Basic

Course Number: POB **Certificate Type:** Completion
Hours Total: 4 **Online:** 4 **Delivery:** Self-Guided
FCC: 0 **FPO:** 4 **OEMS:** No

This course teaches fire service personnel the basics of code enforcement and routine inspections that are performed by local fire departments. The course consists of four (4) hours of self-guided online learning:

- Module 1 covers fire inspection principles, laws and codes, and occupancy inspections.
- Module 2 covers smoke and carbon monoxide alarm inspections (for one- and two- family residences).
- Module 3 covers liquid propane gas inspections (527 CMR 1.00, Chapter 69).
- Module 4 covers oil burner equipment inspections (527 CMR 1.00, Chapter 11, NFPA 31-2011 edition).

Successful completion of this course satisfies the requirement for the Fire Prevention Officer Basic Credential.

Fire Prevention Officer I

Course Number: PO1 **Certificate Type:** Completion
Hours Total: 40 **Classroom:** 24 **Online:** 16
Delivery: Hybrid
FCC: 2 **FPO:** 24 **OEMS:** No

This course is for prevention officers interested in building on the skills learned in the Fire Officer - Basic modules. Subjects covered include: authority and jurisdiction, testimony, interpretation of codes, building construction, fire behavior, reading and using plans, conducting inspections, occupancy classifications, inspecting means of egress, occupant load, emergency planning and preparedness, fire protection systems including water-based and special agents, fire detection and alarm systems, fire extinguishers, storage, handling and use of hazardous materials, properties of hazardous materials, classification of hazardous

materials, and fire prevention practices for hazardous substances and processes.

The course includes twenty-four (24) hours of instructor-led classroom training and sixteen (16) hours of self-guided online learning.

This course meets or exceeds the job performance requirements in the NFPA Standard 1031 Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner for Fire Inspector I (Chapter 4). Successful completion of this course satisfies the requirement for the Fire Prevention Officer I credential.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Fire Prevention Officer - Basic course.

New Fire Code Orientation 527 CMR 1.00

Course Number: NC0 **Certificate Type:** Completion
Hours Total: 8 **Classroom:** 8
Delivery: Instructor-led Training
FCC: 8 **FPO:** 8 **OEMS:** No

This revised course is for local fire officials and covers significant format changes in the revised fire code. The one-day program starts with an introduction to the National Fire Protection Association's fire prevention code, commonly known as NFPA 1 (2012 edition). This model code is the basis for the new Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code. Students will learn how all NFPA codes and standards are formulated and utilized.

The course also covers Massachusetts-specific code amendments. The training will familiarize students with the general scope and layout of the code. The program will not provide in-depth discussion of technical aspects of fire prevention regulations.

This course includes eight (8) hours of instructor-led classroom training and addresses information in the NFPA Standard 1 Fire Code.

Prerequisite: There are no prerequisites for this course.

Fire Prevention Officer Quarterly Seminars

These seminars are taught by code compliance and enforcement officers from the Division of Fire Safety. The training gives local code enforcement officials accurate and current information on a variety of fire prevention regulatory issues. The quarterly sessions will provide both new inspectors and veteran code enforcement officials with refresher training and access to the latest information. The trainings are eligible for credit toward the Fire Prevention Officer Credential.

Trainings typically consist of four (4) hours of instructor-led classroom training.

Fire Prevention Credential

The Department of Fire Services has established a multi-level training process for credentialing fire prevention officers. The trainings prepare officers for credentials at several levels.

The Fire Prevention Credential program acknowledges fire prevention officers are committed to their professional development and is not a requirement for certification as a Fire Inspector. It provides an opportunity to document relevant education, training and experience using uniform criteria but is not intended to set standards or qualifications for an individual to hold the designation of Fire Prevention Officer.

Information on this program can be found at:
<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dfs/fpo-training.html>



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