

# OHIO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION TRANSFORMATION PROPOSAL

**Effective June 30, 2030, the 36-hour Volunteer Firefighter certification course will no longer be offered by the Division of EMS. No initial (new) Ohio Volunteer Firefighter certificates will be issued by the Division of EMS after June 30, 2030.**

All currently certified Ohio Volunteer Firefighters in good standing will be able to renew their Volunteer Firefighter certificate throughout this transformation period and after June 30, 2030, so long as all renewal requirements are met on or before the expiration date of the certificate. **Any Ohio Volunteer Firefighter certificate that expires after June 30, 2030, will not be reinstated.**

There are several options for currently certified Ohio Volunteer Firefighters to transition to other levels of fire service providers identified in NFPA 1010 as outlined below. These changes are consistent with recommendations from Governor DeWine's Ohio Task Force on Volunteer Fire Service from January 5, 2023, and address recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board to revise the Ohio Volunteer Firefighter certification standards to meet the NFPA 1010 standard for professional firefighters. The Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee of the EMFTS Board support these recommendations and are overseeing development of this transformation process.

Timeline: September 1, 2024

→ June 30, 2030

CERTIFICATION

Current Ohio VFF Certification In Good Standing	Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator-Pumper (FADO-P) -NFPA 1010 Chapters 4, 11, and 12  Complete the new <b>FADO-P</b> course. This requirement is waived if substantially similar training was completed within the past 6 years, such as other recognized emergency vehicle driving, pump operation, and water movement courses. + Attestation of successfully meeting all competencies and JPRs must be done in conjunction with a Chartered Fire Program if completing the new <b>FADO-P</b> course. If the course is waived, evidence must be submitted such as a copy of the valid credentials and/or the course completion documents. + If completing the new <b>FADO-P</b> course, must pass the <b>FADO-P</b> cognitive exam within three attempts and 180 days of completing the course. <b>No additional certification testing is required if the course is waived.</b>  DEMS will begin offering the <b>FADO-P</b> course as soon as this new level can be integrated with regulations and the DEMS certification process.	FADO-PUMPER  - 36 hours of CE every three years
	Fire Department Exterior Support Person (replaces the legacy 36-hour Ohio Volunteer Firefighter after June 30, 2030) - NFPA 470 Chapter 5  Complete NFPA 470 Chapter 5 Hazardous Materials Awareness. This requirement is waived if NFPA 470 Chapter 5 or substantially similar training was completed within the past 6 years. + Attestation of successfully meeting all competencies and JPRs must be done in conjunction with a Chartered Fire Program if completing a Hazardous Materials Awareness course that meets NFPA 470 Chapter 5. If the course is waived, evidence must be submitted such as a copy of the course completion document. <b>No additional certification testing is required.</b>  DEMS will begin offering the new <b>Fire Department Exterior Support Person</b> course as soon as this new level can be integrated with regulations and the DEMS certification process.	FD EXTERIOR SUPPORT PERSON  - 36 hours of CE every three years

<b>Current Ohio VFF Certification In Good Standing</b>	<p><b>Firefighter I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NFPA 1010 Chapters 4 and 6</li> <li>- NFPA 470 Chapters 5, 7, and only Sections 9.2 and 9.6 of Chapter 9</li> </ul> <p>+ Utilize the current <b>Firefighter I</b> Transition course with minor updates.</p> <p>+ Includes Live Burns.</p> <p>+ Attestation of successfully meeting all competencies and JPRs must be done in conjunction with a Chartered Fire Program.</p> <p>+ Complete the new <b>FADO-P</b> course. This requirement is waived if substantially similar training was completed within the past 6 years, such as other recognized emergency vehicle driving, pump operation, and water movement courses. If these courses are waived, evidence must be submitted such as a copy of the valid credential and/or the course completion documents.</p> <p>+ Must pass the <b>Firefighter I</b> Transition cognitive exam within three attempts and 180 days of completing the course.</p>	<p><b>FIREFIGHTER I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 36 hours of CE every three years</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Firefighter I and II</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NFPA 1010 Chapters 4, 6, and 7</li> <li>- NFPA 470 Chapters 5, 7, and only Sections 9.2 and 9.6 of Chapter 9</li> </ul> <p>Complete the <b>Firefighter I and II</b> course.</p> <p>+ Includes Live Burns.</p> <p>+ Attestation of successfully meeting all competencies and JPRs must be done in conjunction with a Chartered Fire Program.</p> <p>+ Complete the new <b>FADO-P</b> course. This requirement is waived if substantially similar training was completed within the past 6 years, such as other recognized emergency vehicle driving, pump operation, and water movement courses. If these courses are waived, evidence must be submitted such as a copy of the valid credential and/or the course completion documents.</p> <p>+ Must pass the <b>Firefighter I and II</b> cognitive exam within three attempts and 180 days of completing the course.</p>	<p><b>FIREFIGHTER II</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 36 hours of CE every three years</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Firefighter II Transition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NFPA 1010 Chapter 7</li> </ul> <p>Complete the <b>Firefighter II Transition</b> course. Individuals must hold current <b>Firefighter I</b> certification in good standing for admission into this course.</p> <p>+ Includes Live Burns.</p> <p>+ Attestation of successfully meeting all competencies and JPRs must be done in conjunction with a Chartered Fire Program.</p> <p>+ Must pass the <b>Firefighter I and II</b> cognitive exam within three attempts and 180 days of completing the course.</p>	<p><b>FIREFIGHTER II</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 36 hours of CE every three years</li> </ul>
	<p>Choose not to transition to any other certification by June 30, 2030.</p>	<p><b>VFF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 36 hours of CE every three years</li> <li>- Any Ohio Volunteer Firefighter certificate that expires after June 30, 2030, will not be reinstated.</li> </ul>