

12. Discussion and possible recommendation by Assistant Fire Chief, Van Weese of The Colony Fire Department, regarding the minimum number of years of fire experience for a Master Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification be 15 years, with a minimum of 5 years in a Chief Officer position.

From: John (Jake) Soteriou
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 10:28 AM
To: Larry Whitis
Subject: FW: Minimum Standards for Master Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification

FYI and possibly the Committee.

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From: Van Weese [mailto:vweese@thecolonytx.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 7:02 PM
To: John (Jake) Soteriou
Subject: RE: Minimum Standards for Master Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification

I would recommend a minimum of 15 years fire experience with a minimum of 5 years in a Chief Officer position.

Thank you for your consideration.

Van Weese
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From: John (Jake) Soteriou [mailto:john.soteriou@tcfp.state.tx.us]
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 3:28 PM
To: Van Weese
Cc: Chris Connealy; Gary Warren
Subject: RE: Minimum Standards for Master Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification

Chief Weese,
 I will present this to the Advisor Committee at their March meeting. Do you have a specific number of years "experience" to recommend?

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From: Gary Warren
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 11:42 AM
To: John (Jake) Soteriou
Subject: FW: Minimum Standards for Master Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification

Jake,
 Please handle this ---forwarded to me from Chief Connealy.

Thanks!
 Gary

From: Chris Connealy [mailto:Chris.Connealy@cedarparktx.us]
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 11:29 AM
To: Gary Warren
Subject: FW: Minimum Standards for Master Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification

Gary,

Please have someone on your staff reply to Chief Weese.

Thanks,

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From: Chris Connealy
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2009 5:04 PM
To: 'Van Weese'
Subject: RE: Minimum Standards for Master Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification

Chief Weese,

I apologize for the delay in responding to your e-mail. It got buried. I appreciate your input and will forward this to TCFP staff for review.

Thanks,

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From: Van Weese [mailto:vweese@thecolonytx.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 11:35 AM
To: chris.connealy@tcfp.state.tx.us
Subject: Minimum Standards for Master Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification

Dear Sir,

I would like to suggest that an additional option for this certification be added to the standards. This option might include a person should have a minimum of 60 college hours and Chief level experience of at least 5-10 years. I believe that if someone has the years of experience as a chief officer, that would be more true experience in the fire service than just taking 18 hours of classroom work.

Thank you for considering this change. I do believe it would benefit a large portion of people that are unable to attend classroom work.

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