

4. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding proposed changes to 37 TAC, Chapter 423, Fire Suppression, Subchapter A, Minimum Standards for Structure Fire Protection Personnel Certification, including, but not limited to §423.1, Minimum Standards for Structure Fire Protection Personnel.

CHAPTER 423

FIRE SUPPRESSION

SUBCHAPTER A

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR STRUCTURE FIRE PROTECTION PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

§423.1. Minimum Standards for Structure Fire Protection Personnel.

- (a) Fire protection personnel of any local government entity, who receive probationary or temporary appointment to structure fire protection duties, must be certified by the **Commission**~~commission~~ within one year from the date of their appointment in a structural fire protection personnel position.
- (b) Prior to being appointed to fire suppression duties or certified as a fire protection personnel the Commission must review and approve the applicants finger-print based criminal history record information obtained from the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The individual or fire department must follow the procedure established by the Department of Public Safety to initiate and complete the electronic finger-print print process. The results will be available to the Commission through the Department of Public Safety's data base. The Commission will follow the criteria established in Title 37, Chapter 403 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) for denying a person certification based on the results of the finger-print based criminal history record check.**
- (c) (b)** Prior to being appointed to fire suppression duties, personnel must complete a **Commission-approved**~~commission-approved~~ basic structure fire suppression program and successfully complete a **Commission-recognized**~~commission-recognized~~ emergency medical course. The individual must successfully pass the **Commission**~~commission~~ examination pertaining to that curriculum as required by §423.3 of this title. The **Commission**~~commission~~ recognizes the following emergency medical training:
- (1) Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Service Personnel certification training;
 - (2) an American Red Cross Emergency Response course, including the optional lessons and enrichment sections;
 - (3) an American Safety and Health Institute First Responder course;
 - (4) National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification; or
 - (5) medical training deemed equivalent by the commission.
- (d) (e)** Personnel holding any level of structure fire protection personnel certification must comply with the continuing education requirements specified in §441.7 of this title (relating to Continuing Education for Structure Fire Protection Personnel).