

9. **Matters referred from the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee (FFAC), including but not limited to:**
  - B. **Discussion and possible action on proposed amendments, new sections, repeals, and rule reviews as follows:**
    1. **Proposed amendments to title 37 TAC, Chapter 427, Training Facility Certification, including but not limited to, §427.307, On-Site and Distance Training Provider Staff Requirements.**

## Chapter 427

### Training Facility Certification

#### §427.307. On-Site and Distance Training Provider Staff Requirements.

- (a) The chief training officer of a training facility, as a minimum, must possess Fire Service Instructor III certification.
- (b) All training instructors (except guest instructors) must possess fire instructor certification. The instructor(s) must be certified in the applicable discipline or be approved by the commission to instruct in the applicable subject.
- (c) The lead instructor, as a minimum, shall possess a Fire Service Instructor II certification and must be certified by the commission in the applicable discipline.
- (d) Guest instructors are not required to be certified as instructors. A guest instructor is defined as an individual with special knowledge, skill, and expertise in a specific subject area who has the ability to enhance the effectiveness of the training. Guest instructors shall teach under the endorsement of the lead instructor.
- (e) In order to teach fire officer certification courses, an individual who does not meet the requirements of subsection (a) or (c) of this section, shall possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree in management or its equivalent.
- (f) In order to teach an instructor certification training course for Fire Service Instructor I, an individual must hold one of the following three qualifications:
  - (1) Hold a Fire Service Instructor II or higher, or
  - (2) A Bachelor's degree with the following:
    - (A) As a minimum, a minor in education, and
    - (B) Three years of teaching experience in a fire department, department of a state agency, educational institution, or political subdivision of the state, during which time the individual taught a minimum of 200 class hours; or
  - (3) An Associate's degree with the following:
    - (A) twelve semester hours of education instructional courses, and
    - (B) five years of teaching experience in a fire department, department of a state agency, educational institution, or political subdivision of the state, during which time the individual taught a minimum of 400 class hours.
- (g) In order to teach an instructor certification training course for Fire Service Instructor II or III, an individual must hold one of the following three qualifications:
  - (1) Hold a Fire Service Instructor III or
  - (2) A Bachelor's degree with the following:
    - (A) As a minimum, a minor in education, and
    - (B) Three years of teaching experience in a fire department, department of a state agency, educational institution, or political subdivision of the state, during which time the individual taught a minimum of 200 class hours; or
  - (3) An Associate's degree with the following:
    - (A) twelve semester hours of education instructional courses, and

- (B) five years of teaching experience in a fire department, department of a state agency, educational institution, or political subdivision of the state, during which time the individual taught a minimum of 400 class hours.

**(h) In order to teach a certification course for Basic Wildland Fire Protection:**

- (1) the unit instructor must hold Basic Wildland Fire Protection certification and a Texas Commission on Fire Protection Instructor I certification.**
- (2) the lead instructor must hold Intermediate Wildland Fire Protection certification and a Texas Commission on Fire Protection Instructor I certification.**
- (3) the lead instructor must be present in any class being taught.**

**(i) In order to teach a certification course for Intermediate Wildland Fire Protection:**

- (1) the unit instructor must hold an Intermediate Wildland Fire Protection certification and a Texas Commission on Fire Protection Instructor I certification.**
- (2) the lead instructor must hold an Intermediate Wildland Fire Protection certificate and a Texas Commission on Fire Protection Instructor I certification.**
- (3) the lead instructor must be present in any class being taught.**

9. **Matters referred from the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee (FFAC), including but not limited to:**
  - B. **Discussion and possible action on proposed amendments, new sections, repeals and rule reviews as follows:**
    2. **Proposed amendments to title 37 TAC, Chapter 441, Continuing Education, including but not limited to, new §441.23, Continuing Education for Wildland Fire Fighter.**

## CHAPTER 441

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

§441.23. Continuing Education for Wildland Fire Fighter.

- (a) A minimum of four hours of continuing education in Wildland Fire Fighting will be required for individuals certified as a Wildland Fire Fighter. The four hours may be included in the eighteen hours required during the certification renewal period.**
- (b) Subjects selected to satisfy the continuing education requirement may be selected from either Level 1, Level 2, or a combination of the two.**

9. **Matters referred from the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee (FFAC), including but not limited to:**
  - B. **Discussion and possible action on proposed amendments, new sections, repeals and rule reviews as follows:**
    3. **Proposed amendments to title 37 TAC, Chapter 449, Head of a Fire Department, including but not limited to, §449.1, Minimum Standard for the Head of a Fire Department, §449.3, Minimum Standards for Certification as Head of a Suppression Fire Department, and §449.5, Minimum Standards for Certification as Head of a Prevention Only Department.**

## Chapter 449

### HEAD OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### §449.1. Minimum Standards for the Head of a Fire Department.

- (a) An individual who becomes employed and is assigned as the head of a fire department must be certified by the commission as head of a fire department, within one year of appointment.
- (b) An individual appointed head of a department must be eligible to be certified at the time of the appointment or will become eligible to be certified within one year of the appointment and must submit an affidavit verifying eligibility status at the time of the appointment if not holding a Commission certification.
- (c) Holding the head of a fire department certification does not qualify an individual for any other certification. An individual who seeks certification in another discipline must meet the requirements for that discipline.
- (d) Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to supercede Chapter 143, Local Government Code, in regard to appointment of a head of a fire department.

#### §449.3. Minimum Standards for Certification as Head of a Suppression Fire Department.

- (a) **Applicants for Head of a Fire Department certification must complete the following requirements:**~~[In order to be certified as a head of a fire department providing fire suppression, an individual must be appointed as head of a fire department; and]~~

**(1) must be appointed as head of a fire department; and**

**(2) complete the Standards Review Assignment for Head of a Fire Department identified in Chapter 11 of the Curriculum Manual; and**

**(3) arrange a meeting with a Texas Commission on Fire Protection Compliance Officer for review and approval of the Standards Review Assignment; and**

**(4) attend at least one Texas Commission on Fire Protection regularly scheduled commission meeting and one regularly scheduled fire fighter advisory committee meeting in the first year of appointment; and**

**(5)**~~(4)~~ hold a certification as a fire protection personnel in any discipline that has a **commission**~~Commission~~-approved curriculum that requires structural fire protection personnel certification and five years experience in a full-time fire suppression position; or

**(6)**~~(2)~~ an individual from another jurisdiction who possesses valid documentation of accreditation from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress that is deemed equivalent to the **commission's**~~Commission's~~ approved basic fire suppression curriculum and provide documentation in the form of a sworn nonself serving affidavit of five years experience in a full-time fire suppression position; or

**(7)**~~(3)~~ provide documentation in the form of a nonself serving sworn affidavit of ten years experience as an employee of a local governmental entity in a full-time structural fire protection personnel position in a jurisdiction other than Texas; ~~[and successfully pass a Commission, Head of Department examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title;]or~~

~~(8)~~~~(4)~~ provide documentation in the form of a sworn nonserving affidavit of ten years of experience as a certified structural part-time fire protection employee; or

~~(9)~~~~(5)~~ provide documentation in the form of a sworn nonserving affidavit of ten years experience as an active volunteer fire fighter in one or more volunteer fire departments that meet the requirements of subsection (b) of this section. ~~[and successfully pass a Commission, Head of Department examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title.]~~

- (b) The ten years of volunteer service must include documentation of attendance at 40% of the drills for each year and attendance of at least 25% of a department's emergencies in a calendar year while a member of a volunteer fire department or departments with 10 or more active members that conducts a minimum of 48 hours of drills in a calendar year.
- (c) Individuals certified as the head of a fire department must meet the continuing education requirement as provided for in Chapter 441 of this title.
- (d) An individual certified as head of a fire department under this section may engage in fire fighting activities only as the head of a fire department. These activities include incident command, direction of fire fighting activities or other emergency activities typically associated with fire fighting duties, i.e. rescue, confined space and hazardous materials response.

#### **449.5. Minimum Standards for Certification as Head of a Prevention Only Department.**

(a) **Applicants for Head of a Fire Department certification must complete the following requirements:**

**(1) must be appointed as head of a fire department; and**

**(2) complete the Standards Review Assignment for Head of a Fire Department identified in Chapter 11 of the Curriculum Manual; and**

**(3) arrange a meeting with a Texas Commission on Fire Protection Compliance Officer for review and approval of the Standards Review Assignment; and**

**(4) attend at least one Texas Commission on Fire Protection regularly scheduled commission meeting and one regularly scheduled fire fighter advisory committee meeting in the first year of appointment; and**

~~[(a) In order to be certified as the head of a fire department providing fire prevention activities only, an individual must be appointed as head of a Fire Prevention Department;] and~~

~~(5)~~~~(1)~~ hold a certification as a fire inspector, fire investigator, or arson investigator and have five years of full-time experience in fire prevention activities; or

~~(6)~~~~(2)~~ an individual from another jurisdiction who possesses valid documentation of accreditation from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress that is deemed equivalent to the **commission's**~~Commission's~~ approved basic arson investigator, fire investigator or fire inspector curriculum and provide documentation in the form of a sworn nonserving affidavit of five years experience in a full-time fire prevention position; or

~~(7)~~~~(3)~~ provide documentation in the form of a sworn nonserving affidavit of ten years experience as an employee of a local governmental entity in a full-time fire inspector, fire investigator, or arson investigator position in a jurisdiction other than Texas ~~[and successfully pass a Commission, Head of Department examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title]; or~~

~~(8)~~~~(4)~~ provide documentation in the form of a sworn nonserving affidavit of ten years experience as a certified fire investigator, fire inspector or arson investigator as a part-time fire prevention employee; or

~~(9)(5)~~ provide documentation in the form of a sworn nonserving affidavit of ten years experience as an active volunteer fire inspector, fire investigator, or arson investigator with ten years experience in fire prevention. ~~and successfully pass a Commission Head of Department examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title.]~~

- (b) Individuals certified as the head of a fire department under this section must meet the continuing education requirement as provided for in Chapter 441 of this title.

**9. Matters referred from the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee (FFAC), including but not limited to:**

**B. Discussion and possible action on proposed amendments, new sections, repeals and rule reviews as follows:**

- 4. Proposed amendments to title 37 TAC, Chapter 451, Fire Officer, including but not limited to, New Subchapter C, Minimum Standards For Fire Officer III, §451.301, Fire Officer III Certification, §451.303, Minimum Standards For Fire Officer III Certification, §451.305, Examination Requirements, new Subchapter D, Minimum Standards For Fire Officer IV, §451.401, Fire Officer IV Certification, §451.403, Minimum Standards For Fire Officer IV Certification, and §451.405, Examination Requirements.**

## Chapter 451

### Fire Officer

#### SUBCHAPTER C

#### MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR FIRE OFFICER III

##### §451.301. Fire Officer III Certification.

A Fire Officer III is a midlevel supervisor who performs both supervisory and first-line managerial functions who has met all the job performance and certification requirements of Fire Officer II as defined in NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications. Typical duties of an individual at the Fire Officer III level include: establishing procedures for hiring, assignment, and professional development of personnel; developing public service/partnership and programs; preparing budgets and budget management systems; planning for organizational resource management; evaluating inspection and public safety programs and plans; managing multi-agency plans and operations; serving as Incident Commander at expanding emergency incidents for all hazard types; and developing and managing a departmental safety program.

##### §451.303. Minimum Standards for Fire Officer III Certification.

(a) In order to be certified as a Fire Officer III an individual must:

- (1) hold certification as Structural Fire Protection Personnel, Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel, or Marine Fire Protection Personnel; and
- (2) hold Fire Officer II certification through the commission; and
- (3) hold, as a minimum, Fire Service Instructor II certification through the commission; and
- (4) document completion of ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System; and
  - (A) possess valid documentation of accreditation from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress as Fire Officer III; or
  - (B) complete a commission-approved Fire Officer III program and successfully pass the commission examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification). An approved Fire Officer III program must consist of one of the following:
    - (i) completion of a commission-approved Fire Officer III Curriculum as specified in Chapter 9 of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual;
    - (ii) completion of an out-of-state and/or military training program that has been submitted to the commission for evaluation and found to be equivalent to or exceed the commission-approved Fire Officer III Curriculum; or
    - (iii) successful completion of 15 college semester hours of upper level coursework from a four-year regionally accredited institution in any of the following subject areas:
      - (I) Administration/Management
      - (II) Budget/Finance
      - (III) Planning/Organization

(IV) Leadership/Ethics

(V) Risk Management

(VI) Safety and Health

(VII) Community Risk Reduction

(C) Special temporary provision: Within one year following the effective date of this subchapter, an individual is eligible to take the commission examination for Fire Officer III upon documentation to the commission that the individual has completed training that covers the requirements of NFPA 1021, Chapter 6. The documentation of completed training must be either a certificate of completion from a nationally recognized training provider or documentation of successful completion of the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, Fire Chiefs Academy Program. During the one year period, the commission examination shall consist of a written exam. The examination requirements in §451.305(b) must still be met. This paragraph (C) expires one year from the effective date of this subchapter.

(D) The application processing fee for the initial examination is waived for individuals in subsection (a) paragraphs (4)(B) and 4(C) of this section who have completed the training requirement and submit the application for the commission examination by August 31, 2013. After this date, the application processing fee for examinations will be required.

(b) Out-of-state or military training programs which are submitted to the commission for the purpose of determining equivalency will be considered equivalent if all competencies set forth in Chapter 9 (pertaining to Fire Officer) of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual are met.

§451.305. Examination Requirements.

(a) Examination requirements of Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification) must be met in order to receive Fire Officer III certification.

(b) Individuals will be permitted to take the commission examination for Fire Officer III certification by documenting the following: Structure Fire Protection Personnel certification, Fire Service Instructor II certification and Fire Officer II certification through the commission or the equivalent IFSAC seals, and completing a commission-approved Fire Officer III program.

## SUBCHAPTER D

### MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR FIRE OFFICER IV

#### §451.401. Fire Officer IV Certification.

A Fire Officer IV is an upper level supervisor who performs both supervisory and managerial functions who has met all the job performance and certification requirements of Fire Officer III as defined in NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications. Typical duties of an individual at the Fire Officer IV level include: Administering job performance requirements; evaluating and making improvements to department operations; developing long-range plans and fiscal projections; developing plans for major disasters; serving as Incident Commander at major incidents for all hazard types; and administering comprehensive risk management programs.

#### §451.403. Minimum Standards for Fire Officer IV Certification.

(a) In order to be certified as a Fire Officer IV an individual must:

- (1) hold certification as Structural Fire Protection Personnel, Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel, or Marine Fire Protection Personnel; and
- (2) hold Fire Officer III certification through the commission; and
- (3) document completion of ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System; and
  - (A) possess valid documentation of accreditation from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress as Fire Officer IV; or
  - (B) complete a commission-approved Fire Officer IV program and successfully pass the commission examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification). An approved Fire Officer IV program must consist of one of the following:
    - (i) completion of a commission-approved Fire Officer IV Curriculum as specified in Chapter 9 of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual;
    - (ii) completion of an out-of-state and/or military training program that has been submitted to the commission for evaluation and found to be equivalent to or exceed the commission-approved Fire Officer IV Curriculum; or
    - (iii) successful attainment of a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution in any of the following:
      - (I) Fire Science/Administration/Management
      - (II) Emergency Management
      - (III) Public Administration
      - (IV) Emergency Medicine
      - (V) Business Management/Administration
      - (VI) Political Science

(VII) Human Resources Management

(VIII) Public Health

(IX) Risk Management

(X) Criminal Justice, or

(XI) a related management/administration/leadership degree

(C) Special temporary provision: Within one year following the effective date of this subchapter, an individual is eligible to take the commission examination for Fire Officer IV upon documentation to the commission that the individual has completed training that covers the requirements of NFPA 1021, Chapter 7. The documentation of completed training must be either a certificate of completion from a nationally recognized training provider or documentation of successful completion of the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, Fire Chiefs Academy Program. During the one year period, the commission examination shall consist of a written exam. The examination requirements in §451.405(b) must still be met. This paragraph (C) expires one year from the effective date of this subchapter.

(D) The application processing fee for the initial examination is waived for individuals in subsection (a) paragraphs (3)(B) and 3(C) of this section who have completed the training requirement and submit the application for the commission examination by August 31, 2013. After this date, the application processing fee for examinations will be required.

(b) Out-of-state or military training programs which are submitted to the commission for the purpose of determining equivalency will be considered equivalent if all competencies set forth in Chapter 9 (pertaining to Fire Officer) of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual are met.

§451.405. Examination Requirements.

(a) Examination requirements of Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification) must be met in order to receive Fire Officer IV certification.

(b) Individuals will be permitted to take the commission examination for Fire Officer IV certification by documenting the following: Structure Fire Protection Personnel certification, and Fire Officer III certification through the commission or the equivalent IFSAAC seals, and completing a commission-approved Fire Officer IV program.

**9. Matters referred from the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee (FFAC), including but not limited to:**

**B. Discussion and possible action on proposed amendments, new sections, repeals and rule reviews as follows:**

- 5. Proposed amendments to title 37 TAC, Chapter 453, Minimum Standards For Hazardous Materials Technician, including but not limited to, new Subchapter A, Hazardous Materials Technician, §453.1, Hazardous Materials Technician Certification, §453.3, Minimum Standards For Hazardous Materials Technician Certification, §453.5, Examination Requirements, and §453.7, International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Seal, and new Subchapter B, Hazardous Materials Incident Commander, §453.201, Hazardous Materials Incident Commander, §453.203, Minimum Standards For Hazardous Materials Incident Commanders, and §453.205, Examination Requirements.**

## Chapter 453

### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

~~[Minimum Standards For Hazardous Materials Technician]~~

#### Subchapter A

### MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIAN

#### §453.1. Hazardous Materials Technician Certification.

- (a) A Hazardous Materials Technician is defined as an individual who performs emergency response to an occurrence which results in, or is likely to result in, an uncontrolled release of a hazardous substance where there is a potential safety or health hazard (i.e., fire, explosion, or chemical exposure). A Hazardous Materials Technician responds to such occurrences and is expected to perform work to handle and control (stop, confine, or extinguish) actual or potential leaks or spills. The Hazardous Materials Technician assumes a more aggressive role than a first responder at the operations level, in that the Hazardous Materials Technician will approach the point of release. The Hazardous Materials Technician is expected to use specialized Chemical Protective Clothing (CPC) and specialized control equipment.
- (b) All individuals holding a Hazardous Materials Technician Certification shall be required to comply with the continuing education requirements in §441.17 of this title (relating to Continuing Education for Hazardous Materials Technician).

#### §453.3. Minimum Standards for Hazardous Materials Technician Certification.

- (a) In order to be certified as a Hazardous Materials Technician an individual must:
- (1) hold certification as Structural Fire Protection Personnel, Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel, or Marine Fire Protection Personnel and;
  - (2) possess valid documentation of accreditation from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress as a Hazardous Materials Technician; or
  - (3) complete a **commission**[Commission]-approved Hazardous Materials Technician program and successfully pass the **commission**[Commission] examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification). An approved Hazardous Materials Technician program must consist of one of the following:
    - (A) completion of a **commission**[Commission]-approved Hazardous Materials Technician Curriculum as specified in Chapter 6 of the **commission**[Commission's] Certification Curriculum Manual.
    - (B) completion of an out-of-state and/or military training program that has been submitted to the Commission for evaluation and found to be equivalent to, or exceeds the **commission**[Commission]-approved Hazardous Materials Technician Curriculum.
- (b) Out-of-state or military training programs which are submitted to the **commission**[Commission] for the purpose of determining equivalency will be considered equivalent if all competencies set forth in Chapter 6 (pertaining to Hazardous Materials Technician) of the **commission's**[Commission's] Certification Curriculum Manual are met.

#### §453.5. Examination Requirements.

- (a) Examination requirements of Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification) must be met in order to receive a Hazardous Materials Technician Certification.
- (b) Individuals will be permitted to take the **commission**[Commission] examination for Hazardous Materials Technician by documenting completion of the NFPA 472 Awareness and Operations level training and completing a **commission** [Commission]-approved Hazardous Materials Technician curriculum.

**§453.7. International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Seal.**

- (a) Individuals holding a current **commission**[Commission] Hazardous Materials Technician certification received prior to March 10, 2003, may be granted an International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) seal as a Hazardous Materials Technician by making application to the **commission**[Commission] for the IFSAC seal and paying applicable fees.
- (b) Individuals completing a **commission**[Commission]-approved Hazardous Materials Technician program, documenting an IFSAC seal for Hazardous Materials Awareness Level Personnel and,
  - (1) Hazardous Materials Operations Level Responders, including the Mission-Specific Competencies for Personal Protective Equipment and Product Control under the current edition; or
  - (2) NFPA 472 Hazardous Materials Operations prior to the 2008 edition, and
  - (3) upon passing the applicable state examination, may be granted an IFSAC seal as a Hazardous Materials Technician by making application to the **commission**[Commission] for the IFSAC seal and paying applicable fees.

## Subchapter B

### MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT COMMANDER

#### §453.201. Hazardous Materials Incident Commander Certification

The hazardous materials incident commander is defined as that person responsible for all incident activities, including the development of strategies and tactics and the ordering and release of resources.

#### §453.203. Minimum Standards for Hazardous Materials Incident Commander

(a) In order to be certified as Hazardous Materials Incident Commander an individual must:

- (1) hold certification as Structural Fire Protection Personnel, Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Personnel, or Marine Fire Protection Personnel; and
- (2) possess valid documentation of accreditation from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress as a Hazardous Materials Incident Commander; or
- (3) complete a commission-approved Hazardous Materials Incident Commander program and successfully pass the commission examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification). An approved Hazardous Materials Incident Commander program must consist of one of the following:

- (A) completion of a commission-approved Hazardous Materials Incident Commander curriculum as specified in Chapter 6 of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual.
- (B) Completion of an out-of-state and/or military training program that has been submitted to the commission for evaluation and found to be equivalent to, or exceeds the commission-approved Hazardous Materials Incident Commander Curriculum.
- (C) Special temporary provision: Within one year following the effective date of this subchapter, an individual is eligible to take the commission examination for Hazardous Materials Incident Commander upon documentation to the commission that the individual has completed training that covers the requirements of NFPA 472, Chapter 8. The documentation must be a certificate of completion from a nationally recognized training provider. During the one-year period, the commission examination shall consist of a written exam. The examination requirements in §453.205(b) must still be met. This paragraph (C) expires one year from the effective date of this subchapter.
- (D) The application processing fee for the initial examination is waived for individuals in subsection (a) paragraph (3) of this section who have completed the training requirement and submit the application for the commission examination by August 31, 2013. After this date, the application processing fee for examinations will be required.

- (b) Out-of-state or military training programs which are submitted to the commission for the purpose of determining equivalency will be considered equivalent if all competencies set forth in Chapter 6 (pertaining to Hazardous Materials Incident Commander) of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual are met.

#### §453.205 Examination Requirements

- (a) Examination requirements of Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification) must be met in order to receive a Hazardous Materials Incident Commander certification.

**(b) Individuals will be permitted to take the commission examination for Hazardous Materials Incident Commander by documenting completion of NFPA 472 Awareness and Operations level training and completing a commission-approved Hazardous Materials Incident Commander program.**