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

D. Discussion and possible action on proposed amendments for acceptance of Texas Engineering Extension Service ProBoard certification as follows:

2. Proposed amendments to Title 37 TAC, Chapter 425, Fire Service Instructors, including but not limited to, §425.1, Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor Certification, §425.3, Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor I Certification, §425.5, Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor II Certification, §425.7, Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor III Certification, §425.9, Minimum Standards for Master Fire Service Instructor III Certification, and §425.11, International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Seal.

CHAPTER 425

FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS

§425.1 Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor Certification.

(a) Training programs that are intended to satisfy the requirements for fire service instructor certification must meet the curriculum and competencies based upon NFPA 1041. All applicants for certification must meet the examination requirements of this section.

(b) Prior to being appointed to fire service instructor duties, all personnel must complete a commission approved fire service instructor program and successfully pass the commission examination pertaining to that curriculum.

(c) Personnel who receive probationary or temporary appointment to fire service instructor duties must be certified by the commission within one year from the date of appointment to such position.

(d) An out-of-state, military, or federal instructor training program may be accepted by the commission as meeting the training requirements for certification as a fire service instructor if the training has been submitted to the commission for evaluation and found to be equivalent to or to exceed the commission approved instructor course for that particular level of fire service instructor certification.

(e) An individual who holds a bachelor's degree or higher in education from a regionally accredited educational institution or a teaching certificate issued by the State Board for Educator Certification or an associate's degree with twelve semester hours of education instructional courses is considered to have training equivalent to the commission's curriculum requirements for Instructor I, II and III training.

(f) Personnel holding any level of fire service instructor certification must comply with the continuing education requirements specified in §441.21 of this title (relating to Continuing Education for Fire Service Instructor).

§425.3 Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor I Certification.

In order to become certified as a Fire Service Instructor I an individual must:

(1) have a minimum of three years of experience (as defined in **§421.5(45)** [~~§421.5(43)~~] of this title (relating to Definitions)) in fire protection in one or more or any combination of the following:

(A) a paid, volunteer, or regulated non-governmental fire department; or

(B) a department of a state agency, education institution or political subdivision providing fire protection training and related responsibilities; and

(2) possess valid documentation **as a Fire Instructor I, II or III** [~~of accreditation~~] from **either:**

(A) the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) **or;**

(B) the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications issued by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service using the 2007 or later edition of the NFPA standard applicable to this discipline and meeting the requirements as specified in §439.1(a)(2) of this title (relating to Requirements—General) [~~as a Fire Instructor I or II or III~~]; or

(3) have completed the appropriate curriculum for Fire Service Instructor I contained in Chapter 8 of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual, or meet the equivalence as specified in

§425.1(d) or (e) of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor Certification); and

(4) successfully pass the applicable commission examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification).

§425.5 Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor II Certification.

In order to become certified as a Fire Service Instructor II, an individual must:

(1) hold as a prerequisite a Fire Instructor I certification as defined in §425.3 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor I Certification); and

(2) have a minimum of three years of experience (as defined in **§421.5(45)** [~~§421.5(43~~]) of this title (relating to Definitions)) in fire protection in one or more or any combination of the following:

(A) a paid, volunteer, or regulated non-governmental fire department; or

(B) a department of a state agency, education institution or political subdivision providing fire protection training and related responsibilities; and

(3) possess valid documentation **as a Fire Instructor I, II or III** [~~of accreditation~~] from **either:**

(A) the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) **or;**

(B) the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications issued by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service using the 2007 or later edition of the NFPA standard applicable to this discipline and meeting the requirements as specified in §439.1(a)(2) of this title (relating to Requirements—General) [~~as a Fire Instructor II, or III~~]; or

(4) have completed the appropriate curriculum for Fire Service Instructor II contained in Chapter 8 of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual, or meet the equivalence as specified in §425.1(d) or (e) of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor Certification); and

(5) successfully pass the applicable commission examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification).

§425.7 Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor III Certification.

In order to become certified as a Fire Service Instructor III an individual must:

(1) hold as a prerequisite, a Fire Instructor II Certification as defined in §425.5 of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor II Certification); and

(2) have a minimum of three years of experience (as defined in **§421.5(45)** [~~§421.5(43)]~~ of this title (relating to Definitions)) in fire protection in one or more or any combination of the following:

(A) a paid, volunteer, or regulated non-governmental fire department; or

(B) a department of a state agency, education institution or political subdivision providing fire protection training and related responsibilities; and

(3) possess valid documentation of accreditation from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) as a Fire Instructor III; or

(4) have completed the appropriate curriculum for Fire Service Instructor III contained in Chapter 8 of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual, or meet the equivalence as specified in

§425.1(d) or (e) of this title (relating to Minimum Standards for Fire Service Instructor Certification); and

(5) successfully pass the applicable commission examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification); and either

(A) hold as a prerequisite an advanced structural fire protection personnel certification, an advanced aircraft fire protection personnel certification, advanced marine fire protection personnel certification, advanced inspector certification, advanced fire investigator, or advanced arson investigator certification; or

(B) have 60 college hours from a regionally accredited educational institution; or

(C) hold an associate's degree from a regionally accredited educational institution.

§425.9 Minimum Standards for Master Fire Service Instructor III Certification.

In order to become certified as a Master Fire Service Instructor III the individual must:

(1) hold as a prerequisite a Fire Service Instructor III certification; and

(2) be a member of a paid, volunteer, or regulated non-governmental fire department; or a department of a state agency, education institution or political subdivision providing fire protection training and related responsibilities; and

(3) hold as a prerequisite a master structural fire protection personnel certification, a master aircraft rescue fire fighting personnel certification, master marine fire protection personnel certification, master inspector certification, master fire investigator certification, or master arson investigator certification; or

(4) hold a bachelors degree or higher in education from a regionally accredited educational institution or a teaching certificate issued by the Texas State Board of Education.

§425.11 International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Seal.

(a) Individuals who held an equivalent Instructor I certification prior to March 1, 2006 or individuals completing a commission approved Fire Service Instructor I training program and passing the applicable state examination after the effective date of this chapter, may be granted an IFSAC seal for Instructor I by making application to the commission and paying the applicable fee.

(b) Individuals who held an equivalent Instructor II certification prior to March 1, 2006 or individuals holding an IFSAC Instructor I certification, completing a commission approved Fire Service Instructor II training program, and passing the applicable state examination after the effective date of this chapter, may be granted an IFSAC seal for Instructor II by making application to the commission and paying the applicable fee.

(c) Individuals who held an equivalent Instructor III certification prior to March 1, 2006 or individuals holding an IFSAC Instructor II certification, completing a commission approved Fire Service Instructor III training program, and passing the applicable state examination after the effective date of this chapter, may be granted an IFSAC seal for Instructor III by making application to the commission and paying the applicable fee.