

**FIRE FIGHTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
January 8, 2013, 9:00 A.M.
William B. Travis Building, Room 1-100, Austin, Texas**

The Fire Fighter Advisory Committee will convene in open session to deliberate and possibly take formal action on any of the following agenda items:

1. Roll call – 9:00 a.m.
2. Adoption of the September 27, 2012 Fire Fighter Advisory Committee meeting minutes.
3. Discussion and possible action with respect to the designation of a liaison to the Curriculum and Testing Committee.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed rule changes to 37 TAC, Chapter 403, Criminal Convictions and Eligibility For Certification, including but not limited to, §403.1, Purpose, §403.3, Scope, §403.5, Access to Criminal History Record Information, §403.9, Mitigating Factors, §403.11, Procedures for Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of a Certificate to Persons with Criminal Backgrounds and §403.15, Report of Convictions by an Individual or a Department.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed rule changes to 37 TAC, Chapter 421, Standards For Certification, including but not limited to, §421.1, Procedures for Meetings, §421.3, Minimum Standards Set by the Commission, §421.5, Definitions, §421.9, Designation of Fire Protection Duties, §421.11, Requirement to be Certified Within One Year, §421.13, Individual Certificate Holders, §421.15, Extension of Training Period, and §421.17, Requirement to Maintain Certification.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed rule changes to 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 Seal.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed rule changes to title 37 TAC, Chapter 427, Training Facility Certification, including but not limited to, §427.307, On-Site and Distance Training Provider Staff Requirements.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed rule changes to title 37 TAC, Chapter 429, Minimum Standards For Fire Inspectors, including but not limited to, Subchapter B, Minimum Standards For Fire Inspector Certification, §429.201, Minimum Standards for Fire Inspector Personnel, §429.203, Minimum Standards for Basic Fire Inspector Certification, §429.205, Minimum Standards for Intermediate Fire Inspector Certification, §429.207, Minimum Standards for Advanced Fire Inspector Certification, §429.209, Minimum Standards for Master Fire Inspector Certification, and §429.211, International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Seal.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed rule changes to title 37 TAC, Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety, including but not limited to, §435.1, Protective Clothing, §435.3, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, §435.5, Commission Recommendations, §435.7, Fire Department Staffing Studies, §435.9, Personal Alert Safety System (PASS), §435.11, Incident Management System (IMS), §435.13, Personnel Accountability System, §435.15, Operating At Emergency Incidents, §435.17, Procedures for Interior Structural Fire Fighting (2-In/2-Out Rule), §435.19, Enforcement of Commission Rules, §435.21, Fire Service Joint Labor Management Wellness-Fitness Initiative, §435.23, Fire Fighter Injuries, §435.25, Courage to be Safe So Everyone Goes Home Program, and §435.27, Live Fire Training Structure Evolutions.
10. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed rule changes to title 37 TAC, Chapter 449, Head of a Fire Department, including but not limited to, §449.1, Minimum Standards 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.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed rule changes to title 37 TAC, Chapter 453, Hazardous Materials Technician Certification, including but not limited to, §453.1, Hazardous Materials Technical Certification, §453.3, Minimum Standards for Hazardous Materials Technician Certification, §453.5, Examination Requirements, §453.7, International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Seal.
12. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed rule changes to title 37 TAC, Chapter 455, Minimum Standards For Wildland Fire Protection Certification, including but not limited to, §455.1, Minimum Standards for Wildland Fire Protection Personnel, §455.3, Minimum Standards for Basic Wildland Fire Protection Certification, §455.5, Minimum Standards for Intermediate Wildland Fire Protection Certification, and §455.7, Examination Requirements
13. Report from the Curriculum and Testing Committee with discussion and possible action on recommendations regarding changes to the Certification Curriculum Manual, including but not limited to:
 - a. Head of a Fire Department Curriculum, reference list and skill sheets
 - b. Intermediate Wildland Fire Fighter Curriculum, curriculum outline and reference list
14. Discussion and possible action pursuant to Section 2001.039, Texas Government Code with respect to the final adoption of proposed rule reviews with consideration of re-adoption of each of the rules contained in the following Chapters of Title 37 Texas Administrative Code:
 - A. 37 TAC, Chapter 421, Standards for Certification
 - B. 37 TAC, Chapter 423, Fire Suppression
 - C. 37 TAC, Chapter 425, Fire Service Instructors
 - D. 37 TAC, Chapter 427, Training Facility Certification
 - E. 37 TAC, Chapter 429, Minimum Standards for Fire Inspectors
 - F. 37 TAC, Chapter 439, Examinations for Certification
 - G. 37 TAC, Chapter 441, Continuing Education
 - H. 37 TAC, Chapter 451, Fire Officer
 - I. 37 TAC, Chapter 453, Minimum Standards for Hazardous Materials Technician
 - J. 37 TAC, Chapter 491, Voluntary Regulation of State Agencies and State Agency Employees
 - K. 37 TAC, Chapter 493, Voluntary Regulation of Federal Agencies and Federal Fire Fighters
 - L. 37 TAC, Chapter 495, Regulation of Nongovernmental Departments
15. Discussion on offering certification training outside agency jurisdiction with option for IFSAC Seals.
16. Discussion and possible action on recommendation from David Covington, Fire Chief, Schertz Fire Rescue on acceptance of the Federal Highway Administration's Strategic Highway Research Program for continuing education credit.
17. Discussion and possible action on acceptance of Pro Board and International Fire Service Accreditation Congress certificates.
18. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates, agenda items, and locations.
19. Adjourn meeting.