

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

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

- 4. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to title 37 TAC, Chapter 457, Minimum Standards for Incident Safety Officer Certification.**



***Texas Commission on Fire Protection***

***Agenda Item Summary***

**MEETING: Commission**

**DATE: 10/27/2016**

**Agenda Item #: 11B - #4**

**Agenda Title: Incident Safety Officer**

**Action to be taken: Discussion with possible action for publication**

***Origin of Item: Staff***

**1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE**

The revision is necessary to accommodate the agency's current practice regarding development of curricula. The agency no longer develops a full curriculum for a voluntary/professional development certification.

**2. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION**

The revision clarifies the requirements for the completion of in-state and other training necessary to qualify a person to take the state exam for Incident Safety Officer.

**3. BUDGET IMPACT**

No budget impact anticipated

**4. TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS**

For possible publication

**5. RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend publication as submitted

**6. REFERENCES**

37 TAC, Chapter 457

## CHAPTER 457

### MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER CERTIFICATION

#### §457.1 Incident Safety Officer Certification.

- (a) An Incident Safety Officer is defined as a member of the command staff responsible for monitoring and assessing safety hazards or unsafe situations and for developing measures for ensuring personnel safety at an incident.
- (b) All individuals holding an Incident Safety Officer certification shall be required to comply with the continuing education requirements in Chapter 441 of this title (relating to Continuing Education).
- (c) All Safety Officer certifications issued by the commission and referenced in this chapter are voluntary.

#### §457.3 Minimum Standards for Incident Safety Officer Certification.

In order to be certified as an Incident Safety Officer an individual must:

- (1) hold commission certification as Fire Officer I and;
- (2) possess valid documentation of accreditation from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress as an Incident Safety Officer; or
- (3) complete a commission approved Incident Safety Officer program and successfully pass the commission examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification). An approved Incident Safety Officer program must consist of one of the following:
  - (A) completion of **an in-state**~~[a commission approved]~~ Incident Safety Officer **program meeting the requirements of the applicable NFPA standard and conducted by a commission certified training provider, that was submitted and approved through the commission's training prior approval system; or**~~[curriculum as specified in the applicable chapter of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual or]~~
  - (B) completion of an out-of-state, educational institution of higher education, and/or military training program that has been submitted to the commission for evaluation and found to **meet the requirements of the applicable NFPA standard.**~~[be equivalent to, or exceeds the commission approved Incident Safety Officer curriculum.]~~

#### §457.5 Examination Requirements.

- (a) Examination requirements of Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification) must be met in order to receive an Incident Safety Officer certification, unless otherwise specified in this chapter.
- (b) Individuals will be permitted to take the commission examination for Incident Safety Officer certification by documenting Fire Officer I certification through the

commission or the equivalent IFSAC seal, and completing a commission approved Incident Safety Officer **training program.**[curriculum.]