SUMMARY OF CHANGES

TO CURRICULUM & PERFORMANCE SKILLS MANUALS

CHAPTER TEN

INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER

NFPA 1521 (2020) → NFPA 1550 (2024)

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This document is strictly intended as a reference and is not intended to be all-encompassing. The instructors and training facilities are responsible for reviewing and determining the changes necessary to conduct the training in order to meet the new curriculum and/or standard.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO NFPA STANDARDS

- The majority of the content in NFPA 1550 Chapter 5, 2024 edition, is nearly identical to NFPA 1521, 2020 edition, with only minor terminology updates.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO TCFP CURRICULUM DOCUMENTS

Changes to Curriculum Manual:

- Updated to reference the 2024 version NFPA 1550
- Minor formatting changes were made
- Course Overview and Course Instructor Information verbiage was updated to reflect the new standard and formatting
- Hyperlinks were added for easy navigation
- Due to the consolidation of NFPA standards, Chapter 5 and Annex A – Explanatory Material for Chapter 5 have been specifically listed as the only sections of NFPA 1550 which are required for this curriculum

Changes to Reference List:

- Due to the NFPA consolidation, NFPA 1500 and 1521 were combined into NFPA 1550
- Recommended references were consolidated from NFPA 472 and 1072 to NFPA 470
- Required reference NFPA 1500 was changed to NFPA 1550 (Chapters 6-16)
- New textbook edition:
  - *Fire Department Incident Safety Officer*, (4th ed.) (2025). Reeder, Forest. Burlington, MA: Jones and Bartlett Learning.

Changes to Skill Sheets:

- Title of Skill 3 changed to “Motor Vehicle Rescue Incident”
- Updated hyperlinks to ICS forms and included the current version of these forms as worksheets within the manual which may be used as “equivalent forms”
- Added clarifying verbiage to the instructions and steps of Skills 1, 2 and 3
- Added “communication strategy” as an additional safety plan element to Skill 5
- Format of the skills sheets was updated
- Hyperlinks were added to Skills List for easy navigation to individual skills

- PDF bookmarks were added for quick navigation to specific sections

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO JPRs

INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER NFPA 1550 Chapter 5, 2024 (Changes from NFPA 1521 Chapter 5, 2020)		
1550	**1521**	**DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES**
5.1	**5.1**	**General**
5.1.1	5.1.1	No changes
5.1.2	5.1.2	No changes
5.2	**5.2**	**General Requirements**
		A description was added for what the section covers
5.2.1	5.2.1	“Crew resource management” added to Requisite Knowledge
5.2.2	5.2.2	No changes
5.2.3	5.2.3	No changes
5.2.4	5.2.4	No changes
5.2.5	5.2.5	No changes
5.2.6	5.2.6	No changes
5.2.7	5.2.7	No changes
5.2.8	5.2.8	Changed reference from NFPA 1500 to NFPA 1550
5.2.9	5.2.9	No changes
5.2.10	5.2.10	No changes
5.2.11	5.2.11	No changes
5.2.12	5.2.12	No changes
5.2.13	5.2.13	Changed reference from NFPA 1500 to NFPA 1550 in requisite knowledge
5.2.14	5.2.14	No changes
5.2.15	5.2.15	No changes
5.3	**5.3**	**Fire Suppression Operations**
		A description was added for what the section covers
5.3.1	5.3.1	Changed reference from NFPA 1500 and 1561 to NFPA 1550 in requisite knowledge
5.3.2	5.3.2	No changes
5.3.3	5.3.3	No changes
5.3.4	5.3.4	No changes
5.3.5	5.3.5	No changes

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1550	**1521**	**DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES**
5.3.6	5.3.6	No changes
5.4	**5.4**	**Technical Search and Rescue Operations**
		A description was added for what the section covers
5.4.1	5.4.1	No changes
5.4.2	5.4.2	No changes
5.4.3	5.4.3	No changes
5.5	**5.5**	**Hazardous Materials Operations**
		A description was added for what the section covers
5.5.1	5.5.1	Changed reference from NFPA 472 and 1072 to NFPA 470
5.5.2	5.5.2	No changes
5.5.3	5.5.3	No changes
5.5.4	5.5.4	Changed reference from NFPA 472 and 1072 to NFPA 470
5.6	**5.6**	**Accident Investigations and Review**
		A description was added for what the section covers
5.6.1	5.6.1	No changes
5.7	**5.7**	**Post-Incident Analysis**
		A description was added for what the section covers
5.7.1	5.7.1	Changed reference from NFPA 1500 to NFPA 1550 in requisite knowledge
5.7.2	5.7.2	No changes