**Section 141.375 Watercraft Technician**

a) An Illinois Watercraft Technician certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1006.

b) Prerequisites

1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;

2) Current certification as Surface Water Operations;

3) Certification from an approved Illinois Department of Natural Resources or US Coast Guard on-line Boat Safety Course;

4) Successful completion of a Watercraft Technician Course consisting of a minimum of 16 instructional hours;

5) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and

6) Application for Certification.

c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.

d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Watercraft Technician. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.

e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Watercraft Technician as provided in Subpart E.

f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.

g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

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