**Section 141.395 Historical Certification Titles**

a) The Division reserves the right to acknowledge historical certification titles as equivalent to current certification titles, to be utilized for instructor qualifications and as prerequisites for fire service personnel to transition to a current certification title.

1) Firefighter II certification shall be allowed as a prerequisite for certification and instructor qualifications that requires Basic Operations Firefighter certification. Fire Service personnel who possess a Firefighter II certification can transition and obtain a Basic Operations Firefighter certification by completing the additional requirements for certification. The Firefighter II certification shall be equivalent for the course completion and State Written and Practical Examinations towards Basic Operations Firefighter Certification.

2) Firefighter III certification shall be allowed as a prerequisite for certification and instructor qualifications that requires Advanced Technician Firefighter certification. Fire Service personnel who possess a Firefighter III certification can transition and obtain an Advanced Technician Firefighter certification by completing the additional requirements for certification. The Firefighter III certification shall be equivalent for the course completion and State Written and Practical Examinations towards Advanced Technician Firefighter Certification.

3) Fire Officer I certification shall be allowed as a prerequisite for certification and instructor qualifications that requires Company Fire Officer certification.

4) Fire Officer II certification shall be allowed as a prerequisite for certification and instructor qualifications that requires Advanced Fire Officer certification.

5) Fire Prevention Officer certification shall be equivalent to Basic Fire Prevention Officer and shall be allowed as a prerequisite for certification and instructor qualifications for Fire Inspector I.

6) Fire Inspector II and Plans Examiner I shall be equivalent to Advanced Fire Prevention Officer.

7) Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist shall be equivalent to Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist. Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention Specialist shall be equivalent to Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist and Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist.

8) Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations shall be equivalent to Hazardous Materials Operations.

9) The combined certifications of Hazardous Materials Technician A and Hazardous Materials Technician B shall be equivalent to Hazardous Materials Technician.

10) Rescue Specialist-Confined Space shall be equivalent to Confined Space Operations.

11) Rescue Specialist-Vertical I shall be equivalent to Rope Operations.

12) Rescue Specialist-Trench shall be equivalent to Trench Operations.

13) Water Operations shall be equivalent to Surface Water Operations.

14) Vehicle and Machinery Operations shall be equivalent to Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue.

15) Vehicle and Machinery Technician shall be equivalent to Heavy Vehicle Rescue.

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