

TRAINING

Training is the key thing to do in order to provide and increase the best firefighter safety as well as increase performance of the department in all aspects of service. There are two training programs within the Fire Department:

- Pre-Service Training Program
- Continued Education

As of December 31, 2016, all Smiths Falls firefighters are fully certified as NFPA 1001 level 2 and NFPA 472, operational level.

Smiths Falls Fire Department is one of the rare fire departments in Ontario that all the staff is fully certified.

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Chief Beauchamp –

I am sorry that I am not able to join you this evening, as you and all of your firefighters celebrate their completion of NFPA 1001 Levels 1 and 2, as well as NFPA 472 to the Awareness and Operational Levels.

I congratulate you all on this significant accomplishment – an accomplishment that speaks clearly to the commitment you and your firefighters have, not just to public safety, but also to keeping each other safe.

In your letter of invitation to tonight's event you wrote "We believe in training. Training provides skills and knowledge in order to provide a safe working environment." The staff of the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management is pleased to have been able to support the work your department has done regarding this important firefighter safety endeavour.

Chief, you are justifiably proud of your staff. Please wish them an enjoyable evening, and let them know they are in my thoughts. I ask them all to stay safe, and look after each other - both on and off the fireground.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ross Nichols".

Ross Nichols
Fire Marshal and Chief, Emergency Management
Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management

Pre-Service Training Program

We made the decision at the end of 2013 to implement a Pre-Service Training Program based on the NFPA 1001 and 472.

In 2014, a training plan was also adopted by the Fire Department which will allow long-term planning in regards to firefighter training.

Volunteer Firefighters

1st year of employment

NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional qualifications level I
NFPA 472, Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/ Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents Awareness and Operational level
Incident Command System/Incident Management System 100
Legislation
Emergency Medical First Responder

2nd year of employment

NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional qualifications level II
NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications Pump
NFPA 472, Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/ Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents Operational level

3rd year of employment

NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications Aerial
NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications, Water and Ice Rescue Awareness and Level I

Career Firefighters

1st year of employment

NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications Pump
NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications Aerial
NFPA 1031: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner, Level 1

Emergency Medical First Responder
County Fire Dispatching (CAD)
Legislation
NFPA 1061 Standard for Professional Qualification for Public Safety
Telecommunication, level II

2nd year of employment

NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications Level I
Incident Command System/Incident Management System 200
NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications,
Water and Ice Rescue Awareness and Level I

3rd year of employment

NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualification
Water and Ice Rescue Awareness and level 2

Lieutenant

1st year of employment

NFPA 1035: Standard for Professional Qualification for Fire and Life Safety
Educator, level 1
NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications Level II
NFPA 1061: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualification for Public
Safety Telecommunication Level II

Professional Designation

We believe qualification is very important for the safety of the firefighter but also to provide the expected level of service that the citizen must get when they deal with the fire department.

It consists of different types and levels of professional designation. A professional designation is a proof that the person is qualified, has the appropriate experience and will provide a quality of work that meets the expectation of the position. Basically, it is an assurance of quality.

As an organization that provides services to the citizen, we decided that each fire officer will hold the appropriate designation. The organization that will provide the designation is the "Center for Public Safety Excellence".

Fire Chief Designation

Chief Fire Officer (CFO)

Lieutenant Designation

Fire Officer (FO)

Continued Education

This training plan allows firefighters to maintain skills and knowledge. On a regular basis, at the rate of two training session per month, firefighters practice notions already acquired. This training program includes training NFPA 472 Awareness and Operational level, NFPA 1001 level I and II, NFPA 1002 Pump and Aerial, and NFPA 1021 level I.