**Section 141.330 Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I**

a) An Illinois Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1035.

b) Prerequisites

1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel or employed by a local governmental agency, as attested by the fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;

2) Successful completion of a Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I course consisting of a minimum of 32 instructional hours;

3) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations;

4) Documentation of a minimum of one cumulative year of fire prevention experience; and

5) Application for Certification.

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

d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I.

e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I 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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