**Section 141.370 Fire Service Vehicle Operator**

a) An Illinois Fire Service Vehicle Operator certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1002 and NFPA 1451.

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 Basic Operations Firefighter;

3) Successful completion of a Fire Service Vehicle Operator course consisting of a minimum of 8 instructional hours;

4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations;

5) Completion of the required NFPA 1002 competency course;

6) Completion of an additional 8 hours of documented driving of the vehicles with differing wheelbases in use by the employing authority having jurisdiction; and

7) 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 I and Fire Service Vehicle Operator. 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 Fire Service Vehicle Operator 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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