



**NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

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**Public Safety Training Memo – PS20-13**

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**From:** Kenny Weatherington <weatheringtonk@nccommunitycolleges.edu>  
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**To:** (Fire/Rescue School Directors Email List)  
**Subject:** **Pre-requisite Change to Fire Instructor 1 Course**

Greetings to all,

Recently, you received information concerning a clarification that students must be certified by OSFM in FF, FLSE, TR or Haz Mat for 3 years **prior to taking** Fire Instructor I. This clarification was approved by the NC Fire and Rescue Commission on August 12, 2020.

Students who took Fire Instructor I between the August 12, 2020 meeting and today but did not meet the 3-year certification requirement, will be given credit for the class if they successfully completed the course requirements.

**Effective immediately**, all students must meet the 3-year certification period requirement prior to enrolling in a Fire Instructor I course. Colleges will have to create a local process for now to verify a student is eligible to register for this course before allowing them into the course. OSFM and the NCCCS Advisory Committee are working collaboratively to find an amicable process for verifying students' eligibility moving forward and we will inform you if/when a process is identified.

If you have questions concerning this issue, please contact your Regional OSFM Certification Specialist.

Thank you for your attention to this matter to ensure your students get the training they need while ensuring compliance with NC Fire and Rescue Commission regulations.

Merry Christmas!  
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