INSTRUCTORS DUTY, DESCRIPTION

For certified firefighter class

As a Certified State of South Dakota Fire Instructor there are a few guidelines to be followed. Once an Instructor has made the decision to instruct a certified class the area Deputy Fire Marshal must be contacted. The Deputy Fire Marshals are to provide information needed for class. Curriculum chosen by Instructors for classes is to be followed.

Descriptions of class to be offered and the steps needed for prerequisites and information for classes.

Unit 1: Students must pass written tests with a 70% or higher to move onto next level. Students can only participate in hands on training if that specific area has already been taught and can be signed on back of Blue Card.

Unit 2: After completion of written test with a 70% or higher to be allowed to take hands on Practical for certification of class. Students cannot participate in hands on training until they have completed the section being taught. Once Hands on practical’s are complete then the instructor may proceed if capable with a live fire. Live fire cannot be done before Hands on practices are complete and the student has passed per NFPA 1403. Firefighter, instructor, and fire chief must sign blue card to be complete.

Lead Evaluator Practical Skills Test Description

Class Instructors contact’s the local Deputy Fire Marshal. The Deputy Fire Marshal verifies which firefighters are eligible to take practical exam and lines up the lead evaluator. Practical skills test time, date and location to be provided to Deputy Fire Marshal. If an instructor teaches fire class that involves any of the practical skills portion they are unable to be a lead evaluator.

Student handouts can be found on Department of Public Safety website, www.dps.sd.gov
Click State Fire Marshal bottom left side
Then training on right side of page
Next go to bottom middle click on training curriculum
Move down to firefighter practical skill test instructions and evaluations sheets.
These pages are to be given to each student in class.

Lead evaluator must follow guide lines stated on page 2 of test hand out.
Mandatory tests include: PPE donning, SCBA donning
Once mandatory tasks are completed, the firefighter will be tested on a minimum of 3 additional tasks for a total of 5 minimum.

Tasks that have been chosen must have check marks in appropriate areas and must have evaluators signature on bottom of each task passed.

Once practical skills are completed and paper work completed they can be sent to your local area Deputy Fire Marshal that provided written test.

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Reminder all leader testers must have current instructor status, which is required every two years to be renewed.