

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FIRST RESPONDER-OPERATIONS

Section 141.344 Hazardous Materials First Responder – Operations

Hazardous Materials First Responders, for the purpose of this level of certification, are fire protection personnel trained to the levels of Awareness and First Responder – Operations. Hazardous Materials First Responder – Operations is designed as the introductory step in the acquisition of knowledge and skills required to safely mitigate a release or potential release of hazardous substances. Professional qualifications for Hazardous Materials First Responder – Operations are identified in NFPA 472.

- a) Prerequisites
 - 1) Certification as a Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter.
 - 2) Successful completion of a Hazardous Materials First Responder – Operations course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours.
 - 3) Passage of a State practical skills examination.
 - 4) Passage of the State written examination.
 - 5) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.
- b) Reimbursement may be received for training costs for a Hazardous Materials First Responder – Operations (see Subpart E).
- c) A qualified instructor for this level must be a certified Fire Service Instructor I and Hazardous Materials First Responder – Operations.
- d) The course and facility must be approved by the Division as provided in Subpart B.
- e) Credit for equivalent courses may be available in accordance with Section 141.120.
- f) Recertification Requirements
 - 1) Certifications expire 4 years after the issuance date.
 - 2) Certification as a Hazardous Materials First Responder – Operations.

- 3) Completion of refresher training following the established course objectives identified in NFPA 472, totaling 100 points over a 4 year period, attested to by the employing Fire Chief, based on the Division's point system. Records of the training will be retained in the fire department records.
- 4) Application for recertification, signed by the employing Fire Chief, verifying completion of training points.
- 5) If certification is not renewed within 90 days after the expiration date, the individuals will be required to complete an approved Hazardous Materials Operations Course.