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Minimum Standard for Accreditation (MSA)

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Course Title: Conducting Basic Fire Prevention Inspections (NFA) (CBPI)

Length of Course: 16 Hours

Lecture/Lab Breakdown: 16/0

Prerequisites: None

Referenced Texts: NFA Instructor Guide and Student Manual for this course.

Course Goal: Students completing this course will have the knowledge necessary to conduct basic company-level fire prevention/safety inspections on occupancies in their jurisdiction.

Description of Course: Designed for the company-level officer or other inspection personnel, this course is an introduction to the technique of conducting fundamental fire safety inspections. Students are instructed how to conduct such an inspection, and what to look for in terms of hazards.

Description of Methodology to be used: (Brief) Lecture, guided discussion, with some group/individual activity is used.

Student Equipment/Supply Needs: Pen/Pencil and Notebook; 1 Copy of Student Manual for this Course.

Equipment/Audiovisual/Supply requirements: Classroom with adequate seating; chalkboard or flip chart; 35 mm slide projector with synchronous tape player; OHT projector; appropriate screen(s); 1 copy of Student Manual for each student; CBPI AV kit.

COURSE OUTLINE **(General - Not Detailed)**

Time

Content

Instructor
Notes

:45

Registration, Orientation, Course Introduction

3:15

Code Enforcement Practices

4:00

Inspection Methods and Techniques

2:30

Common Electrical Hazards

(continued)

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION

Conducting Basic Fire Prevention Inspections (NFA) (CBPI)

2:15	Heating and Cooking Hazards
2:15	Sprinkler and Signaling Devices
1:00	Course Examination, Summary

Competency Evaluation Mechanism (Brief description-attach copy): 10-20 question written examination selected from exam questions in Instructor Guide for this course.

Course Objectives (specific): The student will:

1. be able to present a clear argument for the enactment or enforcement of fire prevention codes in a community.
2. identify irregularities in an occupancy which are potential code violations.
3. identify electrical hazards as encountered in general inspections.
4. identify hazards as encountered in heating and cooking installations.
5. identify various violations of automatic sprinkler systems and protective signaling devices.

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