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Minimum Standard for Accreditation (MSA)

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Course Title: Introduction to Safety and the Training System (IST)

Length of Course: 6.5 hours

Lecture/Lab Breakdown: 6.5/0

Prerequisites: None

Course Goal: Participants in this course will be introduced to basic information concerning the organization of the fire service and Pennsylvania's state training system, and the scope and nature of the health and safety problem affecting the fire service.

Description of Course: Students in this course will become acquainted with the basic structure of Pennsylvania's fire training system. They will also be introduced to information which will help them protect their health and safety during their fire service career.

Description of Methodology to be used: (Brief) A combination of lecture and guided discussion. The course is divided into three modules which should be delivered sequentially. Times may be lengthened or shortened slightly based on the instructor's assessment of the students' backgrounds, etc., but should not deviate appreciably from those shown.

Student Equipment/Supply Needs: Notebook, pen or pencil

Equipment/Audiovisual/Supply requirements: Chalkboard or Flip Chart; 1/2" VHS, VCR with monitor; 35 mm Carousel slide projector with screen.

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

<u>Time</u>	<u>Content</u>
1:30	Module I - Fire Service Orientation/State Training System
2:30	Module II - Fire Fighter Deaths and Injuries - Why?
2:30	Module III - Fire Fighter Health/Infectious Disease

Instructor
Notes

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MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION

Competency Evaluation Mechanism (Brief description-attach copy): Periodic direct questioning by instructor; 10 question written examination.

Course Objectives (specific):

The participant will:

- a.) be able to describe the basic composition and organizational structure of the American fire service.
- b.) be able to describe the role of State government and cooperating local resources in providing emergency service training in Pennsylvania.
- c.) describe the most common causes of fire fighter deaths and injuries, indicate who are affected, state where they occur, and analyze why they happen.
- d.) discuss the issue of accountability regarding all aspects of fire fighter safety and survival.
- e.) identify the major job related health and fitness problems facing fire service personnel and state means of lessening their impact.
- f.) identify means of infectious disease transmission in the emergency services.
- g.) identify personal protective equipment that should be available for infectious disease control and explain the rationale for its use.
- h.) state the proper procedures to be followed after possible exposure to an infectious disease.

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