

Spoke to Greg Kirkham from DFS about recruits (they call them candidates) can do prior to getting FF1 cert as long as they are in Firer Academy

He directed us to the DCA guidelines for the DFS Subchapter 4 FIREFIGHTER I AND II, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLES 5:73-4.2 Certifications and Adopted Training Programs

Generally breaks Recruits into Candidate Grade I and II

States the following:

Departments are authorized to allow Firefighter grade 1 and 2 candidates to respond to alarms and operate on the exterior under direct supervision once the subjects listed in each category are completed

I have attached the FF1 schedule so you can see when these classes are completed also have attached the guideline

It looks like they will meet the criteria for Grade 1 after the class on Feb. 28 provided they attended all applicable sessions

On that date they can respond to alarms and take part under direct supervision in exterior ops such as laying lines and raising ladders

FF Candidate Grade 2 criteria would be met after the March 28 class provided they attended all applicable sessions

On that date, under direct supervision they can participate in all exterior ops

For students that missed the training dates focusing on the below mentioned evolutions, the dates may change based on what was missed

Recruits are on the honor system to let their departments know that they have missed a vital skill.

Regardless of any of this, no firefighter who has not completed FF1 can operate inside a structure at any time

That is how we read it – see below

incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented.

1. Upon successful completion of the adopted training program, or a program recognized as equivalent by the Office of Training and Certification, an individual shall be eligible to apply for State certification and may perform interior structural firefighting under direct supervision.

(b) The following firefighter titles, which are associated with the adopted standard, shall be issued by the Office of Training and Certification:

1. Firefighter I; and
2. Firefighter II.

(c) Prior to receiving a certification as Firefighter I, firefighter candidates grade 1 and grade 2 may perform the designated functions after completing training topics within the adopted training program.

1. Firefighter Candidate Grade I.

i. Successful completion of the Firefighter I adopted training program content: Orientation/Fire Department Organization; Self-contained Breathing Apparatus; Self-contained Breathing Apparatus Drill; Fire Hose, Appliances and Adapters; Fire Hose, Appliances and Adapters Drill; Ladders; Ladders Drill; Safety; Safety Drill; and Fire Behavior.

ii. Fire departments shall be authorized to permit the firefighter candidate grade I to respond to fire alarms, and under direct supervision, assist in exterior firefighting involving laying and connecting hose lines and raising ladders.

2. Firefighter Candidate Grade II.

i. Successful completion of the Firefighter I adopted training program content as established for firefighter candidate grade I, and additional instruction in: Forcible Entry; Forcible Entry Drill; Ropes and Knots; Ropes and Knots Drill; Salvage and Overhaul; Salvage and Overhaul Drill; Sprinklers; Sprinkler Drill; Fire Alarms and Communications; Portable Fire Extinguishers; and Fire Extinguisher Drill.

ii. Fire departments shall be authorized to permit the firefighter candidate grade II to respond to fire alarms, and under direct supervision, assist in all exterior firefighting operations.

(d) The Office of Training and Certification within the Division of