

LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
LANCASTER COUNTY EOC, 111 COVENANT PLACE
JUNE 2, 2016

June 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM (Meal served at approximately 6:30 – Fire Commissioners Only)

Invocation

Visitors Comments

Approval of May 5, 2016 Minutes

Information Items

- Grants Update
- Training Report (See Attached)
- Maintenance Report
- Budget Detailed Account Inquiry (See Attached)

Action Items

1. Discussion concerning Radio System
2. Discussion concerning Approval of SCFA Course List (See Attached)
3. Discussion concerning June 30 meeting in place of July meeting
4. Discussion concerning Fire Apparatus Purchase – Billy Lloyd
5. Discussion concerning Recruitment Retention Grant Update – Nate Wall
6. Discussion concerning Rescue Transition (See Attached)
7. Discussion concerning Fire Commission Budget
8. Discussion concerning Approval of Fire Department AFG Grants
9. Standing Committee Reports
 - Standard Operating Guideline Committee (See Attached)
 - Strategic Planning and Governmental Operations Committee
 - Apparatus and Equipment Committee
 - Budget Planning & Appropriations Committee
 - Personnel and Interagency Relations Committee
10. Commissioner's Comments

Note: Please be sure to bring your SOG notebooks for revisions and updates.

Minutes of the Lancaster County Fire Rescue Training Officer's Association

May 19, 2016

Training Officers:

	#1		#2	Brandon Thompson
Robbie Clanton	#3		#4	Alex Wiseman
Mike Metcalf	#5		#6	Bobby Hudson
	#7		#8	Darrel Pig
Alex Parker	#9		#10	Steve Piotrowski
Jeremy Sims	#11		#12	Philip Pegram
	#14		#15	Andy Sims
	#16		#17	Fred Plyler
	#18		#19	Ricky Cauthen
Phil Polston	EMS	Fire Rescue		Doug Spinks
	City Fire	SCFA		

* - Member present

Also present:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, May 19, 2015 by President Brandon Thompson and opened with prayer by Fred Plyler.

Fred Plyler made a motion to accept the minutes from our previous meeting; Robbie Clanton seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Plyler made a motion to accept the current agenda; Robbie Clanton seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

First Responder update:

Phil Polston handed out First Responder cards to the stations training officers that attended. Phil also spoke about the upcoming EMT course being offered by EMS. Please encourage all who would like to attend to contact Stacy Chapman.

SCFA Region 2 Coordinator

JD McCarley was present but was tending to retesting of students. Doug Spinks spoke on his behalf about the SCFA cell phone policy. Pictures and video taken by cellphones, or uploaded to social media of any kind are strictly prohibited unless authorized by the SCFA. You must have approval by the SCFA before taking any pictures or video. No cellphones are allowed in any testing areas.

Visitor Comments:

Jimmy Baker from the SCFA FAST team was present and instructed the training officers on PTSD.

Fire Commission Report:

No information given. Doug missed the Fire Commission meeting due to surgery.

Old business:

A. SCFA Classes for July

Bus extrication was discussed and it was recommended for the stations to send days back to the Training Officers Association for feedback.

Large truck extrication was also discussed. Training will be conducted on site in Brandy Bakers junkyard. No dates were discussed.

B. IST 2016

Antioch needs to pick up IST 2016 packages.

New Business:

A. LCFR Rescue Team Application and Agility Test

There will be an agility test held for all applicants on June 14 from 3pm to 7pm and June 18 from 9am until. Testing will be held at City Fire station 2. Requirements to be on the rescue team are at least 2 years in the fire service, minimum FFII, successfully pass the agility test, successfully pass a swim test if taking Swiftwater tech. Low angle has to be taking since it is a foundation class for all the others and will count as one so one or more classes need to be taking to classify as a Rescue Tech.

B. June IST 2016:

Please get with your neighboring stations and train on water operations.

Closing Remarks.

Doug has a stack of paperwork and certificates that need to be picked up.

If anyone has EMT or Paramedic training, please submit certificate to EOC for the Recruitment and Retention incentives.

Our next meeting will be, June 16, 2016 at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Philip Pegram
Secretary, LCFRTOA

FY 2015-2016

COUNTY OF LANCASTER
 BUDGET REPORT BY DEPARTMENT
 CURRENT PERIOD: 04/01/2016 TO 04/30/2016

IDEAL REMAINING PERCENT. 17%

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>ENCUMBRANCE</u>	<u>REMAINING BALANCE</u>	<u>PCT</u>
Department: 141 FIRE SERVICE						
Fund: 10 GENERAL FUND						
Expenditure						
10-7-141-530-00 TRAVEL, TRAINING, DUES	49,500.00	2,665.78	16,910.36	7,685.00	24,904.64	50
10-7-141-540-00 SUPPLIES-GENERAL	34,000.00	1,896.77	28,599.22	213.65	5,187.13	15
10-7-141-551-00 EQUIPMENT-GENERAL	163,000.00	34,224.59	136,645.93	18,304.84	8,049.23	5
10-7-141-551-45 EQUIPMENT-PROT CLOTHING	55,000.00	712.80	32,718.09	21,647.09	634.82	1
10-7-141-560-00 EQUIPMENT - CAPITALIZED	40,000.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	20,925.09	12,774.91	32
10-7-141-570-00 UTILITIES-GENERAL	160,000.00	15,089.05	132,034.83	0.00	27,965.17	17
10-7-141-590-00 MAINTENANCE-VEHICLES	130,000.00	11,871.75	108,228.40	0.00	21,771.60	17
10-7-141-590-05 GASOLINE	75,000.00	3,715.18	31,376.79	0.00	43,623.21	58
10-7-141-591-00 MAINTENANCE-GENERAL	40,000.00	5,346.43	30,332.92	5,008.44	4,658.64	12
10-7-141-600-00 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (CS)	40,000.00	1,150.34	29,339.10	0.00	10,660.90	27
10-7-141-650-00 INSURANCE-GENERAL	50,000.00	0.00	44,770.64	0.00	5,229.36	10
10-7-141-690-00 SPECIAL PROJECTS	134,249.00	0.00	30,095.15	24,837.06	79,316.79	59
10-7-141-691-01 SP - PROMOTIONS	38,000.00	3,321.00	30,047.40	0.00	7,952.60	21
10-7-141-760-00 MATCHING FUNDS	38,000.00	1,240.55	28,995.74	5,476.09	3,528.17	9
10-7-141-771-00 DS - LEASE PURCHASE	225,576.00	0.00	225,575.19	0.00	0.81	0
Department: Department: 141 FIRE SERVICE, Fund: Fund: 10 GENERAL FUND						
Total Expenditure	1,272,325.00	87,534.24	911,969.76	104,097.26	256,257.98	20.00
Fund: 11 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND						
Expenditure						
11-7-141-560-00 EQUIPMENT - CAPITALIZED	55,000.00	7,957.55	98,976.33	9,046.19	-53,022.52	-96
Department: Department: 141 FIRE SERVICE, Fund: Fund: 11 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND						
Total Expenditure	55,000.00	7,957.55	98,976.33	9,046.19	-53,022.52	-96.00

**South Carolina Fire Academy Courses Funded by the Lancaster County Fire Commission
Updated June-2016**

FIREFIGHTER CURRICULUM

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>FEE</u>
1135	Structural Burn Refresher	8	\$25
1136	Flammable Liquids / Gas Firefighting	8	\$31
1137	Flammable/Combustible Liquid Firefighting	8	\$41
1138	Pressurized/Compressed Gas Firefighting	6	\$31
1139	Rescuing the Rescuer	20	\$25
1140	Rapid Intervention Crew	16	\$25
1152	Fundamentals of Firefighting	105	\$5
1153	NFPA Firefighter I	65	\$5
1402	NFPA Firefighter I, Hybrid online	See catalog	\$5
1403	NFPA Firefighter II, Hybrid online	See catalog	\$5
1154	NFPA Firefighter II	44	\$5
1160	Truck Company and Support Operations	16	\$25
1176	Pipeline Emergencies	12	\$5
1177	Responding to Utility Emergencies	8	\$5
1181	Wildland Fire Training for Structural Firefighting	16	\$5
1182	Wildland Urban Interface/Decision Making	8	\$5
8118	Positive Pressure Ventilation	6	\$5
8316	Traffic Incident Management	4	None

DRIVER-OPERATOR CURRICULUM (All Require Valid SC Class E or higher CDL Drivers License)

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>FEE</u>
1205	POV Emergency Response	4	\$5
1410	POV Emergency Response online	4	None
1210	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	40	\$5
1220	Pump Operations I	40	\$5
1221	Pump Operations II	16	\$5
1225	Fire Department Pumper Testing	24	\$25
1250	Basic Aerial Operations	24	\$25

FIRE OFFICER CURRICULUM

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>FEE</u>
2100	Fire Officer I (5 days)	40	\$5
2101	Fire Officer I (Blended Learning)	32	\$5
2102	Fire Officer II	40	\$5
2113	Fire Service Supervision: Increasing Personal Effectiveness	16	\$25
2114	Fire Service Supervision: Increasing Team Effectiveness	16	\$25
2117	Intro. To Volunteer Emergency Services Management	16	\$25
2118	Preparation for Initial Company Operations	16	\$5
2119	Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations	16	\$5
2121	Decision Making for Initial Company Operations	16	\$5
2130	Building Construction Principles: Non- Combustible and Fire Resistive	16	\$5
2132	Building Construction Principles: Combustible	16	\$5
2135	Building Construction Related to the Fire Service	32	\$25
2144	Incident Command for High-Rise Operations	16	\$25
2145	Incident Command System for Structural Collapse Incidents	16	\$25

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FIRE OFFICER CURRICULUM (continued)

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>FEE</u>
2146	Incident Command System & Resource Management	16	\$5
2148	Introduction to Unified Command	16	\$5
2150	Incident Safety Officer	16	\$5
2151	Health and Safety Officer	16	\$5
2153	I-300 Intermediate ICS	16	\$5
2154	I-400 Advanced ICS	16	\$5
2155	Fire Ground Command Simulation	16	\$5
2158	The New Fire Chief 1: Challenging Issues	16	\$5
2159	Politics and the White Helmet	16	\$5
2160	The New Fire Chief 2: Administrative Issues	16	\$5
2171	Leadership I: Strategies for Company Success	16	\$25
2172	Leadership II: Strategies for Personal Success	16	\$25
2173	Leadership III: Strategies for Supervisory Success	16	\$25
2176	Shaping the Future	16	\$25
5246	Introduction to NFIRS 5.0	16	None
7146	Incident Command System and Resource Management	16	None

RESCUE CURRICULUM

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>FEE</u>
3309	Introduction to Technical Rescue (Online)	2	None
3310	Technical Rescuer	20	\$25
3316	Rope Rescue High Angle Level I	24	\$25
3330	Basic Auto Extrication	16	\$25
****	Other Rescue Courses as approved by Fire Service Director	Various	Various

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CURRICULUM

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>FEE</u>
1427	Hazardous Materials: Awareness Level online	8	\$5
1429	Hybrid Hazardous Materials Operations	32	\$5
2719	HAZ-MAT (OSHA HAZWOPER) Technician Annual Refresher	16	\$75
2723	OSHA HAZ-MAT Technician	40	\$125
2726	HAZ-MAT Operations Refresher	8	\$25
2727	Hazardous Materials: Awareness Level	8	\$5
2728	Hazardous Materials: Operations Level	32	\$5
2736	Emergency Response to Chlorine Incidents	16	\$75
2740	Risk Based Response Air Monitoring	8	\$25

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INSPECTION and INVESTIGATION CURRICULUM

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>FEE</u>
2139	Introduction to Fire Inspection Principles and Practices	24	\$25
3213	Basic Fire/Arson Investigation	80	None
3224	Arson Detection for First Responders	16	\$25
8506	Quarterly Fire Marshal Training	5	\$5 / 12
8608	ICC Fire Inspector I Exam Prep*	40	\$350
8610	SC Fire Marshal Rules & Regulations*	4	\$5

*-Office of the State Fire Marshal is requiring all new Resident State Fire Marshals to be certified to the ICC Inspector I level as well as attend the Rules & Regs workshop.

AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIREFIGHTING CURRICULUM

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>FEE</u>
3402	Municipal Approach to Aircraft Rescue Firefighting	16	\$25
3405	FAR 139 Refresher- Wheel, Engine and Interior Fires	4	\$50

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING CURRICULUM

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>FEE</u>
4165	Fire and Life Safety Educator I	40	\$5
4170	Fire Instructor I (Blended Learning)	16	\$5
4171	Fire Instructor I	40	\$5
4172	Fire Instructor II	40	\$5
4174	Fire Academy Instructor Orientation	4	None
4175	Lead Evaluator Training	4	None
7177	Training Operations in Small Departments	16	\$5

*-Highlighted items have been changed or added to reflect current SCFA information.

Courses over \$60 must have approval of the Lancaster County Fire Rescue Director based on available funding. Courses over \$150 must have approval of the Lancaster County Fire Commission based on available funding. Lancaster County Fire Rescue Director must approve meals and rooms based on available funds and priority of course. Additional requirements may be placed by the Fire Commission on these courses in regards to no shows and repayment of course fees.

Special Note: Please check South Carolina Fire Academy current catalog for all PREREQUISITE Lancaster County Firefighters must have NFPA Firefighter II to register for rescue course 3310 Low Angle Rope Rescue Operations.

**Lancaster County Fire Rescue
RESCUE TEAM APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Position / Assignment Requested (see pg. 3) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City / Town _____ State _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

MEMBER INFORMATION

Medical Problems _____ Blood Type _____

Allergies _____

Fire Department _____

NOTE: Please submit any rescue certifications not on file at the Lancaster County Fire Rescue Office

NOTIFICATION INFORMATION

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Other _____

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Employer _____ Position _____

Employer Address _____

City / Town _____ State _____ ZIP _____

LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Reviewed _____ Current Physical – Y / N Current Fit Test – Y / N

Firefighter Training Level _____ Service Years _____

Physical Agility Test Date _____ Pass – Y / N Tested by _____

PIRC Review Date _____ Approved – Y / N _____
PIRC Chair

Lancaster County Fire Rescue RESCUE TEAM Agility Test

In order for rescue personnel to safely and effectively carry out a rescue mission, each member must be relied upon to perform sustained, strenuous physical task under difficult and dangerous conditions.

This evaluation measures minimal requirements. Fire Rescue members who cannot successfully complete each part of the evaluation could quickly become a liability in a rescue environment. This evaluation has been designed to validate mission-related tasks and has been tested to ensure that it does not exclude or adversely impact any age, gender or ethnic groups.

The Rescue agility test shall be set up in stations with minimal down time between each station. Member shall get two attempts to complete all station without stopping or resting.

	Yes Without limitations	Yes with limitation	No
Crawl through a 20-foot long culvert. Upon reaching the other end, crawl backwards through the tube, returning to the point of entry.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ascend an extended 35 foot extension ladder, to a position you can touch the top rung, descend to the ground.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pick up a box, loaded to a gross weight of 50 pounds, and carry it a distance of 200 feet over a smooth, level concrete or asphalt surface without putting the load down.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove a 48-pound hydraulic rescue tool from the lift gate of a truck, set the tool on the ground and then return the tool to the lift gate ten (10) times in two minutes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walk the length of an elevated, 12 foot long, 4"X4" beam without stepping off.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A check in the "yes without limitations" column indicates the member is medically capable of performing such task.

A check in the "yes with limitations" column indicates the member is medically capable of performing such task with limitations. This box should be checked if the member has a condition that is controlled by medication.

A check in the "no" column indicates the member medically cannot perform the critical task in a safe and efficient manner due to a medical or physical condition.

Special Certification /Qualifications _____

Area of involvement by NFPA 1006 Chapters, BOLD indicates level of involvement by Lancaster County Fire Rescue

Please circle your areas of interest (note: individuals must pick two)

Note: must meet all of chapter 5 Job Performance Requirements plus one chapter to meet NFPA for Technical Rescue

Rope Rescue Technician Chapter 6

Confined Space Rescue Technician Chapter 7

Trench Rescue Technician Chapter 8

Structural Collapse Rescue Technician Chapter 9

Vehicle Rescue Technician Chapter 10

Surface Water Rescue Technician Chapter 11

Swiftwater Rescue Technician Chapter 12

Dive Rescue Technician Chapter 13

Ice Rescue Technician Chapter 14

Surf Rescue Technician Chapter 15

Wilderness Rescue Technician Chapter 16

Mine and Tunnel Rescue Technician Chapter 17

Cave Rescue Technician Chapter 18

Machinery Rescue Technician Chapter 19

LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

Standard Operating Guideline:

S.O.G. Title: Officer Requirements

S.O.G. 101.01

Adopted: 2-4-2016

Rescinds: 3-6-2014

I. Purpose:

To ensure personnel that hold Officer positions within Lancaster County Fire Rescue are properly experienced and trained, the following requirements shall be met:

II. General:

Years of service requirements are as a Firefighter (18 years old or older) beginning at the date all training requirements were met at the time he/she entered Lancaster County Fire Rescue. Junior or Explorer years do not count toward years of service requirements, nor does the time used to complete the minimum firefighter requirements. Only continuous, full calendar years of service accrue service time. Partial years will not count.

Each Officer must have a current physical on file at the Lancaster County Fire Rescue Office and be up to date on their annual Infection Control certification. Course numbers are associated with a past or current South Carolina Fire Academy (SCFA) or National Incident Management System (NIMS) delivered course.

III. Training Explanation:

The SCFA offers several Fire Officer related classes from its Officer curriculum. Current and older SCFA Officer classes will be accepted. Older or other officer classes from another accredited organization or from the National Fire Academy will be approved by the Fire Commission, with assistance from the Training Division. They will define what constitutes an "accredited organization" in reference to Officer level training and they will define what curricula would be considered Officer level training.

IV. Lieutenant Requirements:

- IS-100.b and IS-200.b (Online courses) and/or Incident Command for the Fire Service (SCFA 2137, 2147 or 2146)
- IS-700.a and IS-800.b (Online courses)
- I-300 Intermediate Incident Command (SCFA 2153)
- Required Interior Firefighter courses per Lancaster County Fire Rescue Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) #402.07 (example: SCFA 1152 or equivalent, 1153 or 1154)
- Haz-Mat Operations (SCFA 2728 or equivalent)
- Complete 16 hours of Officer level classes from the Officer Curriculum section of the SCFA curriculum book or National Fire Academy courses or older Officer classes taken from an accredited organization. (See Training Explanation above.)
- Two years as a certified Interior Firefighter and as/is an active member and in good standing with a fire department within Lancaster County Fire Rescue.

V. Captain Requirements:

- IS-100.b and IS-200.b (Online courses) and/or Incident Command for the Fire Service (SCFA 2137, 2147 or 2146)
- IS-700.a and IS-800.b (Online courses)
- I-300 Intermediate Incident Command (SCFA 2153)
- Required Interior Firefighter courses per Lancaster County Fire Rescue Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) #402.07 (example: SCFA 1152 or equivalent, 1153 or 1154)

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Standard Operating Guideline:

S.O.G. Title: Officer Requirements

S.O.G. 101.01

Adopted: 2-4-2016

Rescinds: 3-6-2014

- Haz-Mat Operations (SCFA 2728 or equivalent)
- Complete 32 hours of Officer level classes from the Officer Curriculum section of the SCFA curriculum book or National Fire Academy courses or older Officer classes taken from an accredited organization. (See Training Explanation above.)
- Three years as a certified Interior Firefighter and as/is an active member and in good standing with a fire department within Lancaster County Fire Rescue.

VI. Assistant, Deputy or Battalion Chief:

- IS-100.b and IS-200.b (Online courses) and/or Incident Command for the Fire Service (SCFA 2137, 2147 or 2146)
- IS-700.a and IS-800.b (Online courses)
- I-300 Intermediate Incident Command (SCFA 2153)
- I-400 Advanced Incident Command (SCFA 2154)
- Required Interior Firefighter course per Lancaster County Fire Rescue SOG #402.07 (example: SCFA 1152 or equivalent, 1153 or 1154)
- Haz-Mat Operations (SCFA 2728 or equivalent)
- Complete 48 hours of Officer level classes from the Officer Curriculum section of the SCFA curriculum book or National Fire Academy courses or older Officer classes taken from an accredited organization. (See Training Explanation above.)
- Five years as a certified Interior Firefighter and as/is an active member and in good standing with a fire department within Lancaster County Fire Rescue.
- Served as an Officer with a department within Lancaster County Fire Rescue for at least two years prior to being elected as an Assistant, Deputy or Battalion Chief.

VII. Fire Chief:

- IS-100.b and IS-200.b (Online courses) and/or Incident Command for the Fire Service (SCFA 2137, 2147 or 2146)
- IS-700.a and IS-800.b (Online courses)
- I-300 Intermediate Incident Command (SCFA 2153)
- I-400 Advanced Incident Command (SCFA 2154)
- Required Interior Firefighter course per Lancaster County Fire Rescue SOG #402.07 (example: SCFA 1152 or equivalent, 1153 or 1154)
- Haz-Mat Operations (SCFA 2728 or equivalent)
- Complete 48 hours of Officer level classes from the Officer Curriculum section of the SCFA curriculum book or National Fire Academy courses or older Officer classes taken from an accredited organization. (See Training Explanation above.)
- Five years as a certified Interior Firefighter and as/is an active member and in good standing with a fire department within Lancaster County Fire Rescue.
- Served as an Officer with a department within Lancaster County Fire Rescue for at least four years prior to being elected as a Chief.

VIII. Reciprocity Procedures through the South Carolina Fire Academy:

- A. Reciprocity and Equivalency:** The SCFA offers reciprocity and equivalency in certain occupational areas for certifications achieved through other fire training agencies. This program is

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available only to current, active members of South Carolina fire departments. To be eligible the certification must be in one of the accredited occupational levels offered by the SCFA.

- B. Reciprocity:** Reciprocity is the awarding of certification, with no required testing, to those who have been certified at an occupational level by another IFSAC accredited entity. The certification must be in one of the occupational levels offered by the SCFA. The following items are necessary to apply for reciprocity: 1.) Completed reciprocity/equivalency request form. 2.) Letter from your S.C. Fire Chief, on department letterhead, verifying your membership in a S.C. fire department. 3.) Copy of IFSAC accredited certificates with readable seal numbers or a transcript from the issuing agency showing certification levels and seal numbers.
- C. Equivalency:** Equivalency is the awarding of program credit (e.g. Firefighter I) to individuals certified or trained at an occupational level to a national standard by an entity not accredited by IFSAC. In order to receive transcript credit and certification to one of these levels, an applicant, upon approval by the Certification and Accreditation Supervisor, must challenge the written examination for that level. In some cases skills testing may also be required. Please note the SCFA does not offer equivalency at the course or subject level unless it is part of a curriculum that leads to certification in one of the accredited occupational levels offered by SCFA. The following items are necessary to apply for equivalency: 1.) Completed reciprocity / equivalency request form. 2.) Letter from your S.C. Fire Chief, on department letterhead, verifying your membership in a S.C. fire department. 4.) Copy of certificates or a transcript from the issuing agency showing training courses completed. 5.) Documentation of hours, objectives, methods of evaluation and NFPA standards met. This information can generally be obtained from a course outline, schedule or syllabus.
- D.** To have training courses reviewed by the SCFA for Reciprocity or Equivalency, contact the Lancaster County Fire Rescue Training Officer and set up a meeting for him to review the course information and forward it to the SCFA for review.

IX. Grandfather Clause:

Any Officer who has held their current position for at least 10 years and has a combined total of 25 years continuous service time accrual will be grandfathered in perpetuity for their current or any other Officer position at the same level or below in rank. This exemption does not attach if legal requirements change such that updated training is needed or if life safety requirements based on legal precedents require additional training certifications. The grandfathered person will only need to participate in the additional training required, not remedial courses leading to that training.

X. Implementation Period:

Implementation period for these requirements will be three years from the approval date. The Lancaster County Fire Commission voted to approve these requirements on June 6, 2013.