

FIRE OFFICER 1 CERTIFICATION

NJDFS Fire Officer Certification Requirements: Level 1:

- a. Satisfactorily complete the Fire Officer I course of instruction adopted by the Division of Fire Safety in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:73-8, and successfully pass the State Fire Officer I exams that evaluate the Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) and components of requisite knowledge and skills contained in the adopted NFPA 1021 standard;
- b. Certified as Firefighter I and Firefighter II issued by the Division of Fire Safety in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:73-4;
- c. Certified as Hazardous Materials-Awareness and Hazardous Materials-Operations issued by the Division of Fire Safety in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:73-6;
- d. Certified as Incident Management Level 1 issued by the Division of Fire Safety in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:73-3;
- e. Satisfactorily complete the Fire Instructor I course of instruction adopted by the Division of Fire Safety in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:73-5, and successfully pass the State Fire Instructor I exams that evaluate the Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) and components of requisite knowledge and skills contained in the adopted NFPA 1041 standard; (Note: Fire Instructor I certification is not required for this credentialing requirement, only the successful completion of the Fire Instructor I course and State exams.)
- f. Satisfactorily complete a classroom instructor-led Incident Safety Officer course of instruction adopted by the Division of Fire Safety in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:73-8;
- g. Satisfactorily complete at least 12 hours of training on Principles of Building Construction Series of instructional courses which are similar in content with the National Fire Academy courses; and,
- h. Satisfactorily complete at least 24 hours of training on Fire Tactics Series of instructional courses which are similar in content with the National Fire Academy courses.

Mercer County Fire Academy Map to Fire Officer 1 Certification

1. Fire Officer 1 Course- Fall 2026
2. Fire Instructor 1 Course- Fall 2026
3. Principles of Building Construction Course- Spring 2027
4. Incident Safety Officer Course- Spring 2027
5. Fire Tactics Series of instructional Courses noted in catalog as "Fire Officer 1 Course Eligible". Fall 2026, Spring 2027, Fall 2027 (Need a total of 24 hours of courses)
6. Meet all NJDFS certification requirements for Fire Officer Level 1