

# FIREFIGHTER I EQUIVALENTS STATEMENT

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Firefighter I is currently the course offered by OFPC for interior firefighters. It is an 86-hour long course and includes materials from several courses that in the past were taught separately. This is why in order for veteran firefighters to have the equivalent of the Firefighter I course they need to have taken several courses. Firefighter I or its equivalent is often a prerequisite that is required for many advanced training courses.

## **Firefighter I equivalents are:**

Fire Essentials and Initial Fire Attack and Haz-Mat First Responder Operations

OR

Basic Firefighter and Intermediate Firefighter and Haz-Mat First Responder Operations

The Initial Fire Attack and the Intermediate Firefighter courses are no longer offered by OFPC. The Haz-Mat First Responder Operations course is being still offered. This means that those veteran firefighters who have taken either Fire Essentials or Basic Firefighter but not Initial Fire Attack or Intermediate Firefighter cannot meet the Firefighter I equivalents.

OPPC has agreed to offer a “bridge” course to meet the needs of the firefighter who may be missing either Initial Fire Attack or Intermediate Firefighter. This course should be offered next year but for a limited time only. OFPC will not make this an on going course offering. We need to provide OFPC with a head count of the number of firefighters who need this “bridge” course.

Some of the courses that require Firefighter I or Equivalent as a prerequisite are:

Firefighter II  
Truck Company Operations  
Introduction to Fire Officer  
Rescue Technician – Basic  
Firefighter Survival

Incident Safety Officer  
Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting  
Basic Wildland Fire Suppression  
SCBA Confidence  
Conducting Live Fire Training Evolutions

Then these courses listed above often become prerequisites of other courses. For example Firefighter Survival is a prerequisite for FAST or Introduction to Fire Officer is a prerequisite for Fire Officer I.