

FIRE FIGHTER I TESTING COURSE- S3B

*Moreno Valley College Fire Technology Program at the Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center
20629 11th. Street., Riverside CA. 92518*

Fire Fighter 1 (2019 or 2024)

Fire Fighter 1 utilizes NFPA 1001 Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, NFPA 1051 Standard for Wildland Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, and NFPA 472 Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents to provide the qualifications for State Fire Training’s Fire Fighter 1 certification.

These qualifications are documented in the <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/state-fire-training/professional-certifications/fire-fighter-1> State Fire Training coordinated the development of the CTS guide, certification, and associated curriculum. The Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) and the State Board of Fire Services (SBFS) recommended these standards and qualifications for adoption by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

Certification Information

[Fire Fighter 1](#) is the first certification in the California Fire Fighter professional certification series. The requirements for this certification can be found in the [SFT Procedures Manual](#). The Fire Fighter 1 Implementation Plan was developed to provide detailed information regarding how and when the transition to this new certification will go into effect.

Moreno Valley College (ARTP) conducts all certification exams in conformance with the procedures established by State Fire Training (SFT) and under the supervision of a registered Lead Evaluator with the assistance of registered Skills Evaluators. SFT develops, validates, and publishes skill sheets that reflect the current job function level and National Fire Protection Association Standard (NFPA) edition year for which SFT is accredited. SFT uses these standardized skill sheets to evaluate the skills of pre-service candidates on a statewide basis. [See skill sheets online.](#)

Course Description

This course is designed to provide students the ability to complete the online Written and Skills Certification Tests required by SFT to obtain a Firefighter I (FFI) Certificate. The class does not include any Firefighter I instruction and it is the responsibility of the student to have completed this (including the hour requirements) as identified in the SFT FFI course plan prior to attending the course. Students are expected to be familiar with all Structural, Wildland and Haz-Mat FFI evolutions as found on the 76 SFT FFI Skills Sheets and will be given limited time to practice these skills as identified below. At the completion of the practice portions, testing of the ten mandatory and seven random skills selected by SFT will be conducted.

It is up to each candidate to become familiar with the certification and testing procedures. This course has limited practice and review time; therefore, the testing candidate must be prepared to take the cumulative written test and skills before signing up for the testing event.

Test Preparation

Written Test

For the written test, you should familiarize yourself with the content of the latest edition of either *IFSTA Essentials* or *Jones and Bartlett Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills*.

For the Wildland portion, the revised second edition of the *Wildland Firefighters Principle* and by Jones & Bartlett. For the *Structure and Haz-Mat*, Jones & Bartlett *Firefighter Skills and Hazardous Materials Response*, 5th. edition

Although you may possess considerable knowledge of firefighting skills, the test questions are drawn from those texts and your chance of passing will be enhanced by your familiarity with them. Please note there will be no test review conducted as part of this class.

Skills Test

For the skills test, it is our expectation that students have practiced each of the 67 skills required in the FFI curriculum and are capable of completing each one successfully. To allow each student to become familiar with the BCTC facility and equipment, the first few days of the class will be devoted to practicing skills. Because time is limited, there is no guarantee you will have the opportunity to practice every skill. This reinforces the importance of practicing each of these skills prior to the class. Of the seventeen (21) skills to be tested, ten (14) are mandatory and will always be performed during the test.

Test Procedures

Written Test

The written test is taken in the computer lab and consists of 175 questions broken down as follows: 100 Structural FF, 25 Wildland and 50 Haz-Mat FRO. SFT policies provide 2 hours and 50 minutes to take the exams. To successfully pass the test, 70% for each module must be achieved.

Re-take Procedures

If you fail a specific module, you will only be required to retake that portion of the test (time will be allotted for re-takes if necessary). SFT policies permit three retakes within a one-year period and second re-takes (if needed) will be scheduled on a case-by-case basis. Please note that in addition to the \$150.00 fee for the initial exam, you will be charged \$150.00 if you do not pass on the third try. If you fail the third attempt, you must remediate each module(s) that was failed and adhere to the one-year wait period described above. If taking the exam as a retake. Provide proof of remediation. You must provide the following:

1. Completed SFT Skills sign-off forms for every skill in the module you are re-taking
2. A statement on department letterhead signed by the FFI Instructor verifying the candidate has retrained on the cognitive and psychomotor materials and activities for each module

Skills Test

Due to the number of skills that must be demonstrated, skills testing will occur over multiple days and be conducted at individual stations throughout the BCTC training grounds. Skills must be performed exactly as indicated on the SFT Skill Sheets in order to achieve a passing grade. While occurring, students are not permitted to witness those skills performed by other candidates and shall remain in a “Staging” area. As a test station becomes available, students will be dispatched or escorted from the “Staging” area to the test station and remain at that station until they are ready to proceed to the next one. This process will continue until each of the 21 skills have been performed.

Re-take Procedures

If you fail a specific skill, students will be given a second attempt for each skill failed on the same day of the exam. If a failure occurs upon the second attempt, the student may not continue in the testing process the evaluator and candidate will discuss a remediation plan. in and retest on a later date.

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Prerequisites

This course consists only of the SFT/IFSAC/Pro-Board Firefighter I Certification Test process. Prior to attending this class, students must complete all FFI training including the hourly requirements found in the [SFT FFI 2019 or 2024 Course Plan](#).

To verify this, on the first day of class you must provide a letter of authorization from your Training Chief or his/her designee verifying you meet the testing requirements. If you have previously attended a SFT accredited Firefighter I Academy and have enrolled in this class to obtain IFSAC/Pro-Board certification, a copy of your Academy Completion certificate will satisfy this requirement.

Attendance, Dress Code

Attendance and punctuality for all portions of the class is essential to providing you the time necessary to practice as well as to test to the skills. You may not miss any portion of the class due to the time restraints and complexity of the testing schedule. To adhere to SFT policies, students must display a California Driver’s License, or a department-issued picture ID on the first day of class which is mandatory to attend. A plain t-shirt, pants and work boots are acceptable if you do not have a Fire Department or Fire Academy Uniform.

Enrollment

Fill out the FIT S3B Information sheet and return it to the [Fire Academy Coordinator](#). A list of candidates

will be established using this form. A SFT FF1 testing event roster will be created and sent to SFT. A SFT student identification number is required for the testing event roster. Failure to include your SFT number may result in an issuance of a duplicate number and delay registration with SFT resulting in disqualification from the testing.

After receiving a notification of acceptance email by the Academy Coordinator, [please submit a College application for the appropriate semester](#). Students must have an MVC application on file to be enrolled into this course by our Admissions personnel. Please bring proof of application on the first day of class. After enrollment, you can access your MVC account via [WebAdvisor](#).

To access your SFT account

1. [SFT identification number lookup](#)
2. [SFT account via Acadis](#)

Class Location

Address	Classroom
Moreno Valley College Fire Technology Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center 20629 11th. Street Riverside CA. 92518	Classroom "105" 0800-1700

Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is required for this course. You are encouraged to bring your own PPE.

Additional rental PPE is available from an outside vendor. Cost may vary, and you will be responsible for any repairs and damages. If you choose to rent the complete PPE package, please contact Bryan Powell (FIRE-ETC) at (619) 778-7579 for pricing.

List of required PPE:

1. Structural PPE: Helmet, hood, gloves, jacket, pants, boots, SCBA w/mask
2. Wildland PPE: Helmet, goggles, shroud, gloves, jacket, pants, boots (8" work boot), web gear (practice shelter provided by MVC)

Fees

1. Enrollment: 3 units of credit @ \$46.00 = \$138.00
2. Health fee: \$24.00
3. Student Services Fee: \$ 30.00
4. SFT exam: \$150.00, retake fee after 3rd. attempt: \$150.00
5. SFT written exam: 3 Modules \$150.00, retake fee after the 3rd. attempt: \$150.00

Registration for the online written Exam

This will be done on the first day of class. Below are instructions how to log into Questionmark:

Account Login

1. <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/state-fire-training/professional-certifications/fire-fighter-1> log in with your user name and password.
2. Log into the test portal using your SFT identification number and password provided to you by your proctor.

Register and Pay for an Exam/Assessment

1. Exam registration and certification/testing fees are paid to Moreno Valley College via Web Advisor after you have been enrolled in the class.

Exam Login

This will be done on the written test day only

1. Go to: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/state-fire-training/professional-certifications/fire-fighter-1>
OR go to the SFT ACADIS log in page and in the bottom, click on the "visit the SFT testing portal".
2. Log into the testing portal using your SFT identification number and the pass code provided by your evaluator
3. Complete every question by selecting the appropriate multiple-choice answer.
4. Once all questions have been answered, Click Submit Exam. If there are any unanswered questions when exiting the exam, a message reminder will pop up stating that there are

unanswered questions remaining and to ask if you are sure you want to submit the exam.

5. Results and a feedback message will display on the screen indicating a pass or fail result, the numerical score and a topic report that breaks down the exam results by category section/ topic.
6. An email copy of the feedback will be sent to the email address associated with your account.

