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Minimum Standard for Accreditation (MSA)

July 2005

Course Title: Introduction to the Fire Service

SFA Course Code: ELIS

Length of Course: 16 Hours

Lecture/Lab Breakdown: 14/2

Prerequisites: None

Referenced Texts: **Firefighter's Handbook** Second Edition

Course Goal: To equip entry level firefighters with basic knowledge, skills, and abilities to begin their fire service career.

Description of Course: This course is designed to introduce new firefighters to basic information including an overview of the fire service, fire service organization, firefighter safety, personal protective equipment and terrorism awareness. This is the first of four courses in the curriculum.

Description of Methodology to be used: (Brief) This course includes lecture, interactive discussion and practical skills involving donning of personal protective equipment.

Student Equipment/Supply Needs: Pen/Pencil, Notebook; **Firefighter's Handbook** (must remain in possession of the student throughout the entire course); **Firefighter's Handbook Student Workbook/Skillsheet book** (Must remain in possession of student at the end of the program); helmet, gloves, turnout coat, turnout pants, boots, protective hood, and protective eyewear (safety glasses or goggles).

Equipment/Audiovisual/Supply requirements: Classroom with adequate seating; computer; projector; one copy of **Firefighter's Handbook** per student (must remain in possession of the student throughout the entire course); one copy of the **Firefighter's Handbook-Student Workbook/Skillsheet Book** (must remain in possession of the student at the conclusion of the course. Firefighter's Handbook Second Edition Instructor's Curriculum Package;

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SPECIAL NOTES AND CONDITIONS: The content of both the Thomson Learning/Delmar **Firefighter's Handbook** Second Edition Instructor's Curriculum Package and the General Plan of Instruction for this course shall constitute a part of this Minimum Standard for Accreditation (MSA).

COURSE OUTLINE

<u>Time</u>	<u>Content</u>
.25 hours	Registration and orientation
4 hours	Overview of History, Tradition, and Development (FFHB-Chapter 1)
3 hours	Fire Dept. Organization, Command, and Control (FFHB-Chapter 2)
2 hours	Firefighter Safety (FFHB-Chapter 5)
3.25 hours	Personal Protective Clothing and Ensembles (FFHB-Chapter 6)
3.5 hours	Terrorism Awareness (FFHB-Chapter 30)

Competency Evaluation Mechanism (Brief description-attach copy): Practical Skill Sheets referenced in Firefighter's Handbook Second Edition Instructor's Curriculum Package for chapters in question. 30 question exam containing a balance of true/false and multiple choice questions. These exams will be generated by the Educational Training Agency conducting the course and graded by the instructor of record. A 70% passing score must be attained for certificate issuance.

Course Objectives (specific): The objectives identified in the **Firefighter's Handbook** Second Edition Instructor's Curriculum Package for the chapters that are contained in this course.

Questions/Comments: Contact the Curriculum Specialist