ESF # 4: Firefighting Personnel Credentialing

The Colorado Credentialing Working Group has developed minimum training standards for several positions and has grouped them using the Emergency Support Function framework so that it is easier to locate a specific credential.

The State of Colorado is a voluntary fire certification state and therefore has different certifying bodies to obtain credentials from, ultimately placing a fire credential on an individual’s IDCC is the responsibility of the issuing official/agency. Below are the two primary certification bodies in the State of Colorado, with their respective certification positions.

The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) is the state agency that certifies fire personnel pursuant to CRS 24-33.5-1202 through 24-33.5-1209, firefighting personnel (ESF # 4) must comply with current training requirements, job performance requirements (JPRs), and rules found online at: https://cdpsdocs.state.co.us/dfpc/Website/PQUAT/CDFPCPolicyProcedureManual.pdf

The Colorado Metropolitan Certification Board (CMCB) is accredited by ProBoard for the fire service and covers personnel from the following agencies; Denver Fire Department, Colorado Springs Fire Department, Aurora Fire Department, West Metro Fire Protection District, Poudre Fire Authority and Littleton Fire Rescue. www.cmcb.net

Equivalent Department of Defense nationally accredited certifications may be considered on a case-by-case basis. All educational programs utilized to complete the mandatory training requirements shall be compliant with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1001; Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, NFPA 1003 Standard for Airport Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications and NFPA 405 Standard for the Recurring Proficiency of Airport Fire Fighters.

All wildland training, certification, and task book standards are covered under NWCG 310-1. http://www.nwcg.gov/publications/310-1

In accordance with NIMS standards, all personnel are also required to complete the following base training courses (in addition to any other required coursework specified for respective positions): IS 100, 200, 700, and 800. Personnel must also have a current, valid driver’s license or State-issued ID card.

Note: All personnel credentialing attachments are available online at: http://dhsem.state.co.us/emergency-management/operations/logistics/credentialing
ESF # 4 includes the following non-wildland firefighting credentialing positions certification standards and is inclusive of both DFPC and CMCB:

- Firefighter I (CO_FFI)
- Firefighter II (CO_FFII)
- Fire Officer I (CO_FOII)
- Fire Officer II (CO_FOII)
- Fire Officer III (CO_FOIII)
- Executive Fire Administrator (CO-EXCFIRADMIN)
- Fire and Emergency Service Instructor I (CO_FIREMINSTI)
- Fire and Emergency Service Instructor II (CO_FIREMINSTII)
- Fire and Emergency Service Instructor III (CO_FIREMINSTIII)
- Driver Operator (CO_DO)
- Driver Operator Pumper (CO_DOP)
- Driver Operator Aerial (CO_DOA)
- Emergency Medical First Responder (CO_EMR)
- Fire Inspector I (CO_FINSPI)
- Fire Investigator (CO_FINVST)
- Juvenile Fire Setter Prevention Specialist I (CO_JUVPSI)
- Airport Firefighter (CO_ARFF)
- Public Life Safety Educator I (CO_PLSEI)
- Public Life Safety Educator II (CO_PLSEII)
- Public Life Safety Educator III (CO_PLSEIII)
- Live Fire Training Evolutions Fixed Facility Instructor I (CO_LIFI1403)
- Technical Rescue – Core and Rope Rescue Level I (CO_ROPEI)
- Technical Rescue – Rope Rescue Level II (CO_ROPEII)
- Technical Rescue – Confined Rescue Space Level I (CO_CNFSPCRSQI)
- Technical Rescue – Confined Rescue Space Level II (CO_CNFSPCRSQII)
- Technical Rescue – Surface Water Rescue Level I (CO_WTRRSQI)
- Technical Rescue – Surface Water Rescue Level II (CO_WTRRSQII)
- Technical Rescue – Trench Rescue Level I (CO_TRNCRSQI)

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