

Fire Marshal Certification Course (8507) Effective August 2011

The Fire Marshal Course (8507) is being changed to the International Code Council Fire Inspector I course, plus the Fire Marshal Rules and Regulations. This change improves the course and teaches the 2006 IBC and IFC (the effective code in South Carolina). Please note the following:

- July 18-22, 2011 course has been rescheduled for August 29-Sept 2
- Registration deadline is July 29, 2011
- NFPA code books are not required.
- 2139 course is not a prerequisite
- Students are encouraged to register as soon as possible

Course Description: The S.C. Fire Marshal Certification course (8507) will be the International Code Council Fire Inspector I curriculum taught by an ICC instructor. The course will also include information related to the Fire Marshal Rules and Regulations. It is designed to teach the student the needed skills of fire inspection utilizing the International Building and Fire Codes, State statutes, and Fire Marshal Rules and Regulations. Once the class is confirmed, students will be provided the IFSTA Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement Manual and Interactive Study Guide. This book should be read and studied prior to attending the course. Upon class acceptance, a pre-course assignment will be sent to each student and must be completed before the first day of class. **Students must bring their 2006 International Building Code manual and the 2006 International Fire Code Manual.** If buying the books, we encourage students to also buy the IBC and IFC Code Commentary manual. There is no requirement to purchase or bring any NFPA codes to this course.

PART I Classroom: This is a five day classroom session. Four and a half days include ICC curriculum, taught by an ICC instructor. One half day will include current S.C. Fire Marshal Rules and Regulations taught by Fire Marshal staff instructors.

PART 2 Exam: The 2006 ICC Fire Inspector I exam is a five-hour open book, 100 question multiple-choice exam given 30 days after the completion of the classroom session.

PART 3 Practicum: This phase must be completed within 90 days of successfully passing the written test. Students must schedule with the Fire Marshal Training Coordinator a day to come to the Fire Academy to be part of a demonstration inspection of site buildings. Students will be observed conducting an inspection, how the inspection is handled and tips to improve the inspection.

Once the Practicum phase requirement has been completed, students will receive the ICC Fire Inspector I certificate and an 8507 course certificate. A license application will be mailed to the students to become a certified Resident Fire Marshal. Failure to complete all parts of the program within 120 days of the last day of class results in the student receiving a "non-complete" for the course. As a result, the student is required to repeat the course.

Prerequisite: None. To help with this course, it is recommended that students study the 2006 IBC and IFC codes. (The 2139 Introduction to Fire Inspections Principles and Practices is no longer required as a prerequisite.)

Hours: 40 plus

Fees: \$200. Course registration does not include dorm room or meals. Effective January 2012, the course fee will be \$300, plus dorm and meal fees

Cancellation: After the 30 day cutoff, no refunds available for any cancelation.

Students: Minimum: 15/ Maximum: 50

Application Procedure: Students must complete the SCFA Registration form and submit it to the Resident Registrar, at least 30 days prior to start of class.

Registration Cutoff: Registrations must be received 30 days prior to start of course. This allows time for the pre-course material to be received and completed.

Textbook Information

- **Not provided:** Codes and standards. Students are responsible for bringing the 2006 editions of the International Building and Fire Codes. The commentary books are allowed and encouraged.
- **Provided:** State Statutes and Fire Marshal Rules and Regulations. In addition, the IFSTA Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement Manual (7th Edition) and Interactive Study Guide will be shipped (upon acceptance in the course). Students must complete this pre-course assignment. The assignment is turned in at registration on the first day of class.

Retest Procedure: If the student fails to achieve a minimum score of 70 on the final examination, he will be allowed to schedule one retest with the OSFM Training Coordinator at no additional fee. If the student still does not achieve a minimum score of 70 on the retest, the student must retake the entire course.