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<b>100-003</b>	<b>Title- FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION SYSTEM</b>	
Effective Date – March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	References – March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 – Original Inception March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2011 – Amended to include FF Survival January 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2012 – Amended requirements to be inclusive of Firefighter Boot Camp. January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 – Amended to not make FF Survival an Interior Requirement until March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2011. Also, should be noted at this time Firefighter Boot Camp’s program name has been changed to Firefighter Training Series. April 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 – Amended to suspend FF Survival from the Firefighter Training Series due to NY State rewriting curriculum and no instructors are certified to teach the course. Any student completing the FF Training Series from this point forward may be interior certified.	
Next Scheduled Review		
Modified Date – January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	<b>CLASSIFICATION – POLICY STATEMENT</b>	Approved By -

**PREFACE:** This policy was originally adopted by the Cortland County Fire Chiefs Association on March 26, 2008. This policy was amended and adopted by the Cortland County Fire Chiefs Association on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 and on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This policy is to be adhered to by all fire departments operating in Cortland County.

**PURPOSE:** This policy establishes the parameters for Cortland County’s Firefighting Certification process and the qualifications required to meet the levels listed below. It also provides a valuable tool to Incident Commanders in that the certification process guarantees firefighters have been trained to a predetermined level as listed on their tag allowing the IC to utilize them in a manner not above and beyond their abilities.

**POLICY:**

1. Firefighters will be issued accountability tags in accordance with detailed certification process listed below:

- b. SUPPORT- training requirements vary and will be defined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Support members shall be limited to Fire Police, Drivers, and EMS personnel. Firefighters who operate on the fireground, throwing ladders, stretching hose, operate extrication equipment, etc. shall be classified as EXTERIOR as a minimum.
- c. EXTERIOR – New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Scene Support, Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations or equivalent, NIMS 100 and 700.
- d. INTERIOR – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1970 – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Qualifications - New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Essentials of Firemanship, Essentials of Firefighting, Basic FF 2000, Firefighter 1 or equivalent, Physical, Fit Test, OSHA Training and NIMS 100 and 700.

INTERIOR – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Qualifications - New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Essentials of Firemanship, Essentials of Firefighting, Basic FF 2000, Firefighter 1 or equivalent, New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Firefighter Survival, Physical, Fit Test, OSHA Training and NIMS 100 and 700.

INTERIOR – As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 must have completed the Cortland County Firefighter Boot Camp or Cortland County Firefighter Training Series which is the same as the Firefighter Boot Camp, only the name of the program was changed. This program consists of New State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Firefighter 1, SCBA Confidence, Calling the May Day, Truck Company Operations, Firefighter Survival, Courage to be Safe and CPR – AED. Alternatively, to this entire program, these courses may be taken individually to meet the qualification of Interior Firefighter.

INTERIOR – As of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 candidates completing the Firefighter Training Series may be certified as Interior Firefighters even though they did not receive the Firefighter Survival Certification. This is due to NY State rewriting current course and no instructors certified and course is not allowed to be offered. At this point this requirement is suspended from this point forward. Once a new course is in place, the matter will be revisited.

- e. FAST – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1970 – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Qualifications - Meets all the requirements for Interior, plus must have completed New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Truck Company Operations, New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control FAST Course and be a certified CPR – D valid card holder

FAST – Meets all the as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 requirements for Interior as well as completing the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control FAST course.

- f. DRIVER – At a minimum, New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Scene Support Operations Course or Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations Course and Emergency Vehicle Operations Course
- g. FIRE POLICE - New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Fire Police Course
- h. EMT- At a minimum, New York State Basic EMT

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