

19 NYCRR § 426.9

§ 426.9 Promotional/supervisory qualifications and training

(a) Fire officers successfully completing training and education courses of minimum subject and contact hour criteria approved by the State Fire Administrator may acquire certification in one of five fire officer supervisory categories.

(b) To receive Supervisory Level I (lieutenant level responsibilities) certification, a person shall have:

(1) been designated by the employing agency to fulfill responsibilities of Level I Supervisory classification;

(2) completed minimum qualifications for Instructor Level I under section 426.4 of this Part; and

(3) successfully completed the following courses of study:

(i) Fire Behavior and Arson Awareness (12 hrs)

0Scope of the arson problem, and

Normal fire behavior and observational skills, and
Fire investigation and the firefighter, and
Detection and preservation of evidence, or
Basic Firefighter 42 hrs)

(ii) Fire Cause and Origin Determination or

0Principles of Fire Investigation (24 hrs)
Fire chemistry and behavior
Building construction
Point of origin determination
Determining fire causes
Motives for incendiarism
Vehicle fires
Legal aspects of fire investigation
Fatal fires
Fire scene documentation
Fire investigation resources
Evidence collection and preservation

Practical exercise and successfully complete a test

(iii) Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations (16 hrs) Detect the presence of a hazardous material, and

Survey a hazardous materials incident, and

Describe procedures for collecting information, and

Describe protective actions, and

Identify procedures to initiate a response, and

Survey to detect presence of hazardous materials, and

Identify cargo tanks, and

Describe how to use product information, and

Describe how to contact CHEMTREC, and

Describe harm from a hazardous material, and

Determine appropriate tactical objectives at the first responder operations level, and

Describe appropriate scene control measures, and
Describe procedures to implement Incident Command System, and

Identify appropriate personal protective equipment, and Describe defensive operations and the use of foam, and Describe offensive operations for product control, and Successfully complete a test on the knowledge, skills or abilities covered in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, or

Minimum Basic Firefighter certification as specified under the provisions of section 426.6 of this Part.

(c) In lieu of the knowledge/skill criteria prescribed in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, equivalent topics completed while attending New York State Fire Training Courses (Fire Behavior and Arson Awareness--12 hours, Fire Cause and Origin Determination--24 hours, Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations--16 hours, or Emergency Control of Hazardous Materials Incidents I--16 hours), shall be deemed as fulfilling minimum training subject requirements.

(d) In lieu of the knowledge/skill criteria prescribed in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, equivalent topics completed while attending federally sponsored courses or recognized college level courses, shall be deemed as fulfilling minimum training subject requirements, provided such equivalency shall be deemed acceptable by the State Fire Administrator when submitted with adequate documentation regarding course criteria and attendance.

(e) To receive Supervisory Level II (captain level responsibilities) certification, a person shall have:

- (1)** been designated by the employing agency to fulfill responsibilities of Level II Supervisory classifications;
- (2)** completed minimum qualifications for Supervisory Level I classification;
- (3)** completed college level courses of study approved by the State Fire Administrator:
 - (i)** General psychology (40 hrs.)
 - (ii)** Report writing, written expression or course of similar content (40 hrs.)

(f) Supervisory Level III (battalion chief level responsibilities) under development.

(g) Supervisory Level IV (deputy chief level responsibilities) under development.

(h) Supervisory Level V (chief of department level responsibilities) a person shall: 1. possess Fire Officer 3 certification, pursuant to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2014 Edition, or possess the training, education, experience, or combination thereof, determined by the State Fire Administrator to meet the requirements of Civil Service Law section 58-a; and 2. meet the minimum qualifications established by the local civil service agency having jurisdiction; and 3. meet the core competencies for incident commander established by the State Fire Administrator, pursuant to General Municipal Law section 204-dd and 9 NYCRR Part 227.

(i) (Under developmental study for future commission recommendations).

- (1)** Instructor Level III;
- (2)** Instructor Level IV;
- (3)** Investigator Level III; and
- (4)** Public Education Officer Level III.