

CALIFORNIA FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AND EDUCATION SYSTEM

The California Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES) was created in a continuing effort to establish coordination among the various elements that contribute to the development, delivery, and administration of training for the California fire service.

CFSTES was the name given to the former "California Fire Academy System" which represented the initial attempt to employ a "system" concept to fire service training.

Through the years, CFSTES has become synonymous with CERTIFICATION.

(1) Objectives.

(a) The objective of CFSTES is to provide a single statewide focus for fire service training in California.

General functions of the System include:

1. Implementing OSFM standards and requirements.
2. Managing curriculum development.
3. Accrediting courses leading to certification.
4. Approving standardized training programs for local and regional delivery.
5. Administering the certification system.
6. Publishing certification training standards, instructor guides, student manuals, and related support materials.
7. Maintaining liaison with individuals, groups, organizations, and agencies involved in training.

(b) Some of these functions require direct control, as in the case of certification and accreditation; however, for the most part, CFSTES' role is one of facilitating, coordinating, and assisting in the development and delivery of standardized inservice and specialty training for the California fire service.