

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (FSTEP)

The Fire Service Training Education Program, or FSTEP, is designed to provide both volunteer and career fire fighters with hands-on training in fire fighting, extrication, rescue, emergency vehicle operations, pump operations, and the Incident Command System. Courses are delivered through registered instructors and may be custom tailored by the instructor to meet a department's specific needs. Upon successful completion of a course, the instructor will issue a California State Fire Marshal's certificate of completion to the student.

FSTEP is also the term used for the training programs available from SFT that do **not** lead toward certification. In addition to the traditional FSTEP courses, the Incident Command System, Confined Space Rescue, and Emergency Care of the Sick and Injured are included under the FSTEP umbrella.

The courses vary in length, ranging from self-study programs for some of the ICS courses to 40 hours for Confined Space Rescue Operations training. Instructor guides and student manuals support several courses while others are supported only with course outlines. All courses are taught by registered instructors.

The State Fire Marshal is charged under Article 4 of the Health and Safety Code (state law) titled California Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP) to make available fire service training and education programs on a voluntary basis to fire departments that rely extensively on volunteers.