

Fire Certifications

Entry Level (ELFF): The first class all new firefighters need to take when joining the department. It teaches basic firefighter skills. After completion of this course firefighters are trained to the ability to enter IDLH atmospheres (interior structure fire responses.) All members need to complete this to come off of probation. Members trained to this level are still monitored and limited to certain duties. This course is 60 hours long.

Firefighter 1 (FF1): This is the 2nd class a firefighter needs to take after completion of Entry Level Firefighter. This class adds onto basic skill level. This class is a state certification class. Members need to complete this class and pass a state written and practical exam to achieve certification. This certification is required to respond MABAS level calls. Once members complete this course they have less limitations and are deemed capable of performing most firefighting tasks. This course is 36 hours long. For Certification an additional course of HazMat Ops is required which is 24 hours long.

Number of Certified FF1's on CGFD: 30

Number of members currently enrolled in FF1 class: 1

Firefighter 2 (FF2): This class is recommended but not required. This class teaches advanced firefighter skills and very basic officer skills. This is also a state certification class. To complete this class members, need to take a state written exam and a practical exam. Members certified at the Firefighter 2 level aids in our score when applying for the Federal AFG grants and improves our ISO ratings. This course is 42 hours long.

Number of Certified FF2's on CGFD: 15

Number of members currently enrolled in FF2 class: 6

Fire Officer 1 (FO1): This is a state certification class. To be fire officer the state requires that firefighters complete a basic officer class. This class is geared towards company officers, such as Lieutenants and Captains. They do not have to pass the state written exam or practical exam in order to meet requirements, but they do need to complete the class. They will not become certified without completion of exams and completion of the Emergency Services Instructor Class.

Number of Certified FO1's on CGFD: 3

Number of members who passed FO1 class but are not certified: 4

Fire Officer 2(FO2): This is a state certification class. This class teaches advanced officer skills and is geared towards Chief Officers. This class is not required by the state or the department, but it is highly recommended for officers in the Chief and Assistant Chief role.

Number of Certified Officer 2's on CGFD: 2

Emergency Service Instructor (ESI): This is a state certification class. It teaches members to train firefighters. To become a state certified officer, you must complete this class. You do not need to pass the certification exams to pass this class and qualify for the officer certification, you only need to finish the class. This certification expires every 5 years. In order to re-certify you must complete at least 240 hours of instruction to firefighters within every 5 year period.

Number of Certified ESI's on CGFD: 2

Number of members who passed class but are not Certified ESI's: 2

Driver Operator Pumper (DO): This is a state certification class. This class teaches you to drive and operate fire apparatus. The state requires you to take this class in order to driver an engine to a fire scene and pump with the truck. Driver Operators do not need to be certified in order to operate engines and pumps, they only need to successfully complete the course. CGFD Members who are Driver Operator ONLY are expected to complete the certification portion of the course. This course is 66 hours long.

Number of members who are Certified DO's on CGFD: 4

Number of members who passed class but are not certified DO's: 7

Number of members currently enrolled in DO class: 1

Driver Operator Aerial (AO): This is a state certification class. The class teaches you how to drive and operate ladder trucks. The state requires you to take this class in order to drive and pump an aerial apparatus. Aerial Operators do not need to be certified in order to operate aerials; they only need to successfully complete the course. CGFD Members who are Driver Operator ONLY are expected to complete this course. This course is 36 hours long. (Certification is not obtainable without Driver Operator Pumper and Firefighter 1 certifications.)

Members of Certified AO's on CGFD: 2

Number of members who passed class but are not certified AO's: 2

Fire Inspector (FI): This is a state certification class. This class trains a member on how to conduct fire inspections on buildings in the municipalities.

Number of Certified FI's on CGFD: 3

These are the standard classes that are offered through Madison College. Many members of the department have also attended various trainings and courses. The have obtained certifications related to the following:

- Incident Command
- Incident Safety Officer
- Wildland Firefighter
- Vehicle Extrication
- Farm Extrication
- Fire Investigation
- Ice Rescue Technician
- CPR
- First Responder
- EMT-Basic