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Definitions.

As used in this chapter and Chapters 4765-20 to 4765-23 of the Administrative Code:

(A) "Executive director" means the individual appointed by the director of public safety, pursuant to section 4765.03 of the Revised Code, to serve as the chief executive officer of the board of emergency medical services and as the executive director of the division of emergency medical services.

(B) "Affiliation agreement" means a written agreement between a chartered program and any person, that set forth the roles and responsibilities of the parties, is signed by the individuals with contracting authority, and provides for any of the following:

(1) The use of specified equipment necessary in the training of fire personnel;

(2) The use of facilities not owned or leased by the chartered program.

~~(B)~~(C) "Authorizing official" means any person who owns or who maintains responsibility on behalf of an individual, corporation, trust, partnership, or an association for the facilities, equipment, instructors, manager, and other employees of a fire training program.

~~(C)~~(D) "Assistant instructor" or "assistant fire instructor" means an individual certified by the executive director to assist in the instruction of students in fire training programs and continuing education programs under the ~~auspice~~ auspices of a certified instructor.

~~(D)~~(E) "Certification" means the process by which the executive director issues a certificate to each person who meets the qualifications set forth in section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and ~~Chapter~~ Chapters 4765-20 and 4765-21 of the Administrative Code to practice as a firefighter, fire safety inspector, certified instructor, or other fire training level approved by the executive director.

~~(E)~~(F) "Certified fire instructor" or "instructor" means an individual who ~~the executive director certifies to instruct~~ holds a certificate to teach students in fire training programs and continuing education programs issued pursuant to section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4765-21 of the Administrative Code.

~~(F)~~(G) "Charter" means a certificate issued by the executive director to a fire training program that meets the requirements set forth in section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and this chapter to offer a fire training program within Ohio.

~~(G)~~(H) "Chartering" means the process by which the executive director, with the advice and counsel of the committee, evaluates Ohio fire training programs and determines whether they meet the minimum standards established pursuant to section 4765.55

of the Revised code and this chapter for obtaining a charter.

~~(H)~~(I) "Chartered program" means any Ohio fire training program that has been issued a charter in accordance with section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and this chapter.

~~(H)~~(J) "Committee" means the firefighter and fire safety inspector training committee of the state board of emergency medical services created in section 4765.55 of the Revised Code.

~~(K)~~ "Contact hour" means is equivalent to fifty to sixty minutes of continuing education.

~~(L)~~ "Distance learning" means a fire training course which is taught in real-time and is interactive between the student and the entity offering the course. Distance learning education takes place when an instructor and a student or students are separated by physical distance and utilizes technology often in concert with face-to-face communication, to bridge the instructional gap.

~~(H)~~(M) "Document of course completion" means the document provided by a chartered program that verifies a student has successfully completed a fire training program course and passed all written and practical exams.

~~(K)~~(N) "Fire chief" means the head of a fire department who is responsible for assuring that each firefighter who works for that department, whether on a volunteer or paid part-time or full-time basis, has completed ~~basie~~ the required fire training.

~~(H)~~(O) "Fire safety inspector" means an individual certified by the executive director pursuant to section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code to perform fire safety inspector duties as set forth in Chapter 3737. of the Revised Code.

~~(M)~~(P) "Fire service training" or "fire training" means the minimum training standards for service as a firefighter or fire safety inspector, or other fire training certification that are established in accordance with section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and this chapter.

~~(N)~~(Q) "Full-time paid firefighter" means an individual who receives an appointment as a permanent, full-time firefighter under section 505.38, 737.08, or 737.22 of the Revised Code and is certified to the firefighter II level.

~~(O)~~(R) "Good reputation" or "good standing" means:

(1) ~~If the person is an individual, he is~~ An individual person who is not the subject

of an investigation or disciplinary action by any ~~agency of the~~ federal, state, or local government agency, ~~and~~ or has not been denied a license or certificate or had a license or certificate limited, suspended, or revoked by any public agency or licensing agency;

- (2) If the person is not an individual, any entity, organization, or institution that it is in compliance with all federal, state, and local regulations that are applicable to its operations, is not currently under investigation by any agency of the federal, state, or local government, or has not been denied any necessary licenses or certificates, or had such licenses or certificates limited, suspended, or revoked.

(S) "Independent study" means a self-paced learning fire continuing education program developed for individual use which, has been approved and is provided by a chartered program.

~~(P)~~(T) "Limit" or "restrict" means to preclude a certificate holder from engaging in a particular conduct or activity, to impose conditions on the manner in which such conduct or activity may be performed, or to require the certificate holder to abide by specific conditions in order to continue functioning under the holder's certificate.

~~(Q)~~(U) "Local authorizing entity" means the ~~entity that has~~ organization or individual having legal authority over a fire training program ~~(e.g. city council, township trustees, county commissioners, chief executive officer of a corporation, etc.)~~.

(V) "Moral turpitude" means the act of baseness, vileness, or the depravity in private and social duties which owes the society, contrary to accepted and customary rule of right and duty between human beings.

~~(R)~~(W) "NFPA" means the national fire protection association.

(X) "NFPA standard 472" is the minimum requirements, in terms of professional core competencies required for hazardous materials awareness and operation levels, for each level of responders as set forth in the "NFPA 472, Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, (2008 edition)," which is available at <http://www.nfpa.org>.

~~(S)~~(Y) "NFPA standard 1001" ~~means~~ is the minimum requirements, in terms of performance objectives, of professional competence required for service as a firefighter as set forth for each level of responsibility in the "NFPA 1001 Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (~~2002~~ 2008 edition)," which is available at ~~www.nfpa.org~~ <http://www.nfpa.org>.

(T)(Z) "NFPA standard 1002" means is the minimum requirements, in terms of performance objectives, of professional competence required for service as a fire apparatus driver operator as set forth for each level of responsibility in the "NFPA 1002 Standard on Fire Apparatus Driver Operator Professional Qualifications (2003 2009 edition)," which is available at www.nfpa.org <http://www.nfpa.org>.

(U)(AA) "NFPA standard 1031" means the minimum requirements, in terms of performance objectives, of professional competence required for service as a fire safety inspector as set forth for each level of responsibility in the "NFPA 1031 Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (1998 2009 edition)," which is available at www.nfpa.org <http://www.nfpa.org>.

~~(V)(BB) "NFPA standard 1403" means the standard for participating in live fire training evolutions as set forth in the "NFPA 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions (2007 edition)," which is available at www.nfpa.org. "NFPA standard 1041" is the minimum requirements, in terms of performance objectives, or professional competence required for service as a fire service instructor as set forth for each level of responsibility in the "NFPA 1041 Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2007 edition)," which is available at <http://www.nfpa.org>.~~

~~(W)(CC) "NFPA standard 1041" means the minimum requirements, in terms of performance objectives, of professional competence required for service as a fire service instructor as set forth for each level of responsibility in the "NFPA 1041 Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2007 edition)," which is available at www.nfpa.org. "NFPA standard 1403" is the standard for participating in live fire training evolutions as set forth in the "NFPA 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions (2007 edition)," which is available at <http://www.nfpa.org>.~~

(X)(DD) "NFPA standard 1451" means is the standard minimum requirements for a fire service vehicle operations training program as set forth in the "NFPA 1451 ~~standard for a fire service vehicle operations training program~~ Standard for a Fire Service Vehicle Operations Training Program (2007 edition)" which is available at www.nfpa.org <http://www.nfpa.org>.

(EE) "One-half contact hour" means the equivalent of twenty-five to thirty minutes of continuing education.

(FF) "Online education" means fire training program delivered by correspondence, telecommunication, internet, and web-based media, or combination of media, and may include a short period of on-campus attendance.

(Y)(GG) "Part-time paid firefighter" means a person who provides firefighting services

on less than a full-time basis, is routinely scheduled to be present on site at a fire station or other designated location for the purposes of responding to a fire or other emergency, and receives more than nominal compensation for the provision of firefighting services.

~~(Z)~~(HH) "Probation" means a situation whereby a certificate holder shall continue to practice only under conditions specified by the executive director with the advice and counsel of the committee.

~~(AA)~~(II) "Program director" means the person who conducts the daily business and operation of the fire training program, including the training and supervision of instructors. The authorizing official shall either act as program director or designate another person to act as program director.

~~(BB)~~(JJ) "Revocation" means the loss of a certificate issued under section 4765.55 of the Revised Code for at least one year from the date on which the executive director's order revoking the certificate was journalized.

~~(CC)~~(KK) "Suspension" means the temporary loss of a certificate issued under section 4765.55 of the Revised Code.

~~(DD)~~(LL) "Volunteer firefighter" means a person who provides fire fighting services on less than a full-time basis and who is not routinely scheduled to be present on-site at a fire station or other specified location for purposes of responding to a fire or other emergency, but instead responds from home, place of employment, or other unspecified location.