

# NFPA 1010 Support Person Guide

*This guide is provided to the Oregon fire service as an overview of the application process for DPSST certification under NFPA 1010.*



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## NFPA 1010 Firefighter Task Force Information

On October 1, 2024, the NFPA 1010 Firefighter Task Force met at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), as directed by the Fire Policy Committee (FPC), to review the 2024 Edition of the NFPA 1010 Standard for Firefighter Professional Qualifications. At that time, Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) referenced the 2019 Edition of NFPA 1001. As a result of this task force meeting, they recommended creating a new certification level: NFPA Support Person.

The purpose of the Task Force was to evaluate the 2019 standard and compare it with the newly released 2024 Edition of NFPA 1010, to assess the potential impacts of adoption on the Oregon fire service. As a result of their discussions, the Task Force emphasized the importance of maintaining alignment with the most current NFPA standards. The group unanimously recommended that the 2024 Edition of NFPA 1010 be adopted into OAR to support consistency, professionalism, and national standard alignment within the Oregon fire service.

## What is NFPA Support Person?

The Support Person assists the fire department with support operations in non-hazardous atmospheres or protected work zones. This new level of Support Person certification provides a training path and formal recognition for these individuals serving in a support role at fire service agencies. See application and Task Book for specific JPRs.

### Key things to note:

- The NFPA Support Person level of certification is intended as a stand alone certification. It is **NOT** intended for individuals seeking NFPA Firefighter I certification or those maintaining an existing Firefighter I certification. It is not a prerequisite for any level of certification.
- If an applicant has an NFPA Firefighter I certification and they have their DPSST Task Book or Task Performance Evaluation (TPE) on file they do not have to complete new training or a new Task Book or TPE to be certified. See information on page 5 on how to apply.
- If the applicant does not have an NFPA Firefighter I certification then they will need to complete the NFPA Support Person Training and Task Book or TPE . This may be signed off by anyone certified as an NFPA Support Person or Firefighter I.
- If you would like to add NFPA Support Person to your accreditation agreement please reach out to your District Liaison Officer and let them know what curriculum you will be using.

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## NFPA Support Person Certification and Training Requirements

### **If applicant does not hold a DPSST NFPA Firefighter I certification:**

- Completion of classroom and hands-on training that cover all Support Person JPRs (NFPA Chapter 5).
- This training can be completed using nationally recognized curricula such as IFSTA, Jones and Bartlett, or any course or curriculum that states it meets or exceeds the NFPA 1010 Standard for Support Person.
- Current Firefighter I curriculum can be modified to cover Chapter 5 JPRs.
- College classes that verifiably apply toward Firefighter I are also acceptable.
- Additionally, course curricula can be created and submitted to DPSST for approval using the F-20 form.
- Training in: NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness
- NFPA included the requirement for training in the above Hazardous Materials level for NFPA Support Person certification. Applicants are required to complete this training but are **Not** required to be certified. This requirement is stated in the application under 5.1 General Requirements:

## **NFPA Support Person Certification and Training Requirements Continued:**

*For qualification as support person, the candidate shall meet the requirements in Chapters 4 and 5 and in Chapter 5 of NFPA 470 (training requirements for NFPA Hazmat Awareness)*

### **If the applicant is already certified as an NFPA Firefighter I:**

- Submit an application for certification. Under the Training Completed: Certified as NFPA Firefighter I.
- Ensure applicant has their NFPA Firefighter I Task Book or TPE on file, if they do not then they will need to complete one prior to applying for certification.
- If an individual is certified as an NFPA Support Person, their NFPA Firefighter I will be lapsed in the next maintenance cycle.

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### **NFPA 470/1072 Course Requirement Options that Fulfill NFPA 1010 Support Person 5.1 Requirements :**

- DPSST-approved NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness; or
- NFPA Operations Level Responder course; or
- DPSST-approved college courses that meet the standards for NFPA 470/1072 Hazardous Materials Awareness, or a completion certificate stating the training meets the standard for NFPA 470/1072 Hazardous Materials Awareness or;
- Equivalent Courses

**NOTE:** To receive a DPSST certification for NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness, applicants must complete the required Task Books and/or Task Performance Evaluations and apply using the "NFPA 1072 Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction" application for certification.

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## **Other Requirements for Certification**

### **Emergency Medical Services qualifications:**

The EMS requirements for NFPA Support Person are stated on the application as:

*Has Applicant met the minimum requirements for Emergency Medical Services defined in NFPA 1010 Chapter 10 as determined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)?*

**Emergency Medical Services qualifications continued:**

The EMS requirements for NFPA Support Person reflects the new chapter in NFPA 1010. If EMS is being provided, the AHJ will require training and qualification to meet one of the defined levels below:

- 1) First aid provider
- 2) Emergency medical responder (also known as medical first responder)
- 3) Emergency medical technician
- 4) Advanced emergency medical technician
- 5) Paramedic

**Completion of Task Book or Task Performance Evaluation :**

The Task Book has been updated to reference the current NFPA 1010 standard and chapter. The Task Force determined to maintain one signature per evaluator per JPR. Additional information was added to the signing page and first task page to clarify:

- The front signing page may be signed by the Chief, Training Officer, or an Authorized Signer—even if they do not hold the certification level.
- Tasks may only be signed by an individual certified at that level or higher, or by someone approved by DPSST staff as a content expert

**Required Experience:**

The Task Force determined to include a requirement for applicants to possess three months of experience prior to applying for NFPA Support Person certification. The experience requirement on the application:

*Does Applicant possess 3 months of experience prior to applying for certification as determined by the AHJ?*

**See next pages for Application for Certification Guidance**



## Guide to the Application for Certification: NFPA Support Person

The application lists all Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) aligned with the NFPA 1010 standard and the corresponding task book. The applicant's training should be listed in the "Training Completed" column, and the dates the training was completed can be noted in the "Date" column.

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Fire Standards and Certification  
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**NFPA Support Person**  
NFPA Standard No. 1010, Edition of 2024  
Application for Certification  
(Revised 10/2024)

**DPSST Office Use Only**

LEDS Check: ☐ OK

OECI Check: ☐ OK

Levels: Support Person ☐

Reviewer Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Full Legal Last and First Name, Middle Initial

Last                      First                      MI

DPSST Fire #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ *Helpful for DPSST Processing*

Applicant's Fire Agency: Full Agency Name

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ *Required if first application*  
(Required)

\*You are required to provide your Social Security Number (SSN) to DPSST. The authority for this requirement is ORS 25.785 and ORS 305.385, 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(i), 42 USC 666(a)(13). Your SSN will only be used for child support enforcement and tax purposes. Failure to provide your SSN will be basis to refuse issuance of a certificate.

In the "Training Completed" column record all applicable DPSST certified course number(s), college/university course number(s), or the fire agency where training was completed. **PROVIDE COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTATION AS PROOF OF COURSE COMPLETION IF IT IS NOT REFLECTED IN SNAPSHOT.** For all out-of-state college/university courses, provide course descriptions for evaluation. In the "Date" column record the date the training was completed. Failure to complete this application in its entirety will result in the application being returned.

NFPA Support Person		TRAINING COMPLETED	DATE
5.1	General	-----	
	For qualification as support person, the candidate shall meet the requirements in Chapters 4 and 5 and in Chapter 5 of NFPA 470 (training requirements for NFPA Hazmat Awareness)	Appropriate Responses: Please do not leave this section blank	Date Training Completed
5.1.1	Fire Department Orientation	NFPA Firefighter I Certified	
5.1.2	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	In House Training	
5.2	Communications	See Snapshot or IRIS	
5.3	Incident Support Operations	-----	
	Respiratory Protection	See attached Notice of Course Completion	
	Apparatus and PPE response	(NOCC)	
	Establish Protected Work Area	See attached training certificates	
	Hoses		
	Portable Fire Extinguishers		
	Emergency Scene Lighting		
	Building Utilities (Non-Hazardous)		
	Ropes & Knots		
5.4	Rescue Operations	N/A	
5.5	Preparedness and Maintenance	Complete per AHJ (No class required)	

- Has Applicant met the minimum requirements for Emergency Medical Services defined in NFPA 1010 Chapter 10 as determined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)? ☒ Yes ☐ No *Must mark yes for further approval*
- Has Applicant completed the NFPA Support Person Task Book? ☐ Yes ☒ No *Must mark yes for further approval*  
OR--The date Applicant completed the Task Performance Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Does Applicant possess 3-months of experience prior to applying for certification as determined by the AHJ?  
☐ Yes ☒ No *Must mark yes for further approval*

## **Guide to the Application for Certification: NFPA Support Person continued:**

**ATTEST:** As an authorized signer I have reviewed this form for completeness and accuracy. I understand that falsification of this document makes my certifications subject to denial or revocation under ORS 181A.640 and OAR 259-009-0120.

**AS THE APPLICANT:** I am aware that a criminal history check will be conducted with submission of this application for certification. I understand that if I have been convicted of a crime(s) I may be subject to denial or revocation of my application or certification(s): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Required if not submitting through the Online System

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Required if not submitting through the Online System

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Agency Head or Designee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of Agency Head or Designee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*If submitting applications through the online portal no signatures are needed on the application. Mailed, faxed and emailed applications still require both signatures.**

## **Other relevant information related to certification and training for NFPA Support Person**

### **Incident Management Systems Requirements**

*4.4.1.11\* states: Personnel shall meet the requirements for the incident management system (IMS) as determined by the AHJ.*

*Annex A.4.4.1.11 Further Explains: For example in the United States, personnel should meet the requirements defined in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) as mandated by HSPD-5 and PPD-8 and directed by the NIMS Integration Center.*

The following information is from the 2019 Firefighter Task Force but remains relevant:

The NFPA Fire Fighter Task Force identified the following as courses that fulfill the aforementioned "Incident Management Systems" requirements:

#### **Recommended Courses to Meet IMS Requirements:**

- ICS 100 – Introduction to the Incident Command System
- ICS 200 – Basic ICS for Initial Response

Although not required, it is highly recommended that firefighters complete the following courses:

- ICS 700
- ICS 800

All courses are available online through the FEMA website.

### **Agency Jurisdiction**

Agencies may use other incident command systems if more suitable. Examples include Integrated Tactical Accountability (ITAC) and Blue Card systems.

## Oregon Administrative Rules

### **259-009-0005**

#### Definitions

(67) "NFPA Support Person" means a person who has met the requirements defined in NFPA 1010 Chapter 5 and assists the fire department with support operations in non-hazardous atmospheres or protected work zones.

### **259-009-0062**

#### Fire Service Professional Certification

(a) The provisions of the NFPA Standard 1010, 2024 Edition, entitled "Standard on Professional Qualifications for Firefighters," are adopted for certification as NFPA Support Person, NFPA Firefighter I, and NFPA Firefighter II.

(A) For certification as NFPA Support Person the candidate must:

(i) Meet the job performance requirements defined in Chapter 5;

(ii) Meet the minimum requirements for Emergency Medical Services defined in Chapter 10 for the level of service as determined by the AHJ;

(iii) Successfully complete a DPSST-approved task performance evaluation or a DPSST-approved task book for NFPA Support Person. The evaluation or task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer; and