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RULE SUMMARY: OAR 259-009-0087 establishes the requirements for accreditation of fire service agency training programs. These accreditation programs are reviewed for renewal in person by Department staff, a designee or a District Liaison Officer (DLO) every three years. This rule change allows DPSST to extend an accreditation agreement for good cause. The need to be able to exercise such discretion was originally addressed through a temporary rule adopted to deal with the impacts of COVID-19.

CHANGES TO RULE:

259-009-0087

Accreditation of Fire Service Agency Training Programs ¶¶

(1) The Department may accredit fire service agency training programs which meet the following requirements:¶¶

(a) The training program is under the direction of a designated training officer;¶¶

(b) The fire service agency has at least one currently certified NFPA Fire Instructor I to instruct the accredited training programs;¶¶

(c) The fire service agency has met the maintenance re-certification requirements as defined in OAR 259-009-0065;¶¶

(d) The training officer has validated successful completion of training with a task performance evaluation or a task book at the conclusion of the training program or as a part of the accredited training in accordance with standards and procedures adopted by the Department;¶¶

(e) Fire service personnel training records for accredited fire service agency training programs must be maintained by the employing fire service agency for at least five years;¶¶

(f) The fire service agency must possess at least one triple combination pumper that conforms to the minimum standards for automotive fire apparatus as outlined in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Pamphlet #1901; and¶¶

(g) A written accreditation agreement must be prepared by the Department, defining the specific requirements of

accreditation, including the specific training the fire service agency is accredited to deliver. The agreement must be signed by the Department's designee and the training officer or the fire service agency designee.¶

(2) The accreditation agreement must be reviewed every three years.¶

(a) The fire service agency accreditation review must be conducted by the District Liaison Officer or Department designee. This review consists of:¶

(A) Evaluating course outlines and subject content;¶

(B) Validation of curriculum;¶

(C) Verification of training records;¶

(D) Identification of certifications approved to be instructed by the fire service agency; and¶

(E) Verification of instructor qualifications.¶

(b) Changes to an agency accreditation agreement may result in an additional fire service agency accreditation agreement review.¶

(c) The Department, upon finding good cause, may extend an accreditation agreement for up to one additional year if the fire service agency or the District Liaison Officer submits a written request for an extension that identifies why the required review cannot be completed in accordance with this rule.¶

(3) The accreditation agreement allows the Department access to the fire service agency's personnel training records to verify training received by fire service agency personnel and to monitor testing processes.¶

(4) The Department may terminate a fire service agency accreditation agreement for cause.¶

(5) The agency head, on behalf of the fire service agency, will have the right to appeal the termination of an accreditation agreement. The appeal must be in writing and addressed to the Department.¶

(6) The Department may work with the fire service agency to correct any violation and continue the accreditation agreement upon a finding of good cause.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 181A.410, 181A.590

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 181A.410, 181A.590