



## **Driver/Operator- Pumper**

### **Distance Learning Syllabus**

This course is approved by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and meets the requirements for certification of Driver/Operator- Pumper. Upon successful completion of this course the student will be given a Certificate of Completion which allows the student to take the certification exam from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. The Texas Commission on Fire Protection requires an individual to hold a Texas Commission on Fire Protection- Basic Structure Fire Suppression certification, and complete an approved Texas Commission on Fire Protection Driver/Operator- Pumper course in order to be eligible for certification. Students will have 2 years to complete TCFP testing, once the certificate of completion is issued.

#### **Required Textbooks:**

For this course, we will be using the IFSTA, *Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver. Operator Handbook*, 3rd edition. All students are required to provide their own textbook. **ISBN # 978-0-87939-571-1**

#### **Course Instruction/Information:**

This course is a 4-week program, with 15 chapters. Each chapter will have a test. All skills, and tests must be completed with a passing grade by the Wednesday of the 4th week. Each Chapter will have reading assignments, lecture notes and power points. During the 4th week of the course students will be required to attend one of the available skill testing dates to have their performance skills evaluated and take their final test. Students will have the option to have an online proctored test and skills evaluation or the option to have an in-person proctored test and skills evaluation.

Students will need to let Texas Fire Resources know, no later than the second week of class if they will require an in-person proctored test and skills evaluation.

#### **Discussion Questions/Topics:**

This course will have at least one discussion question or topic for students to answer and provide feedback to other students.

#### **Chapter Test:**

A test will be given for each chapter with a 2-hour time limit. The student will be allowed two attempts to achieve a passing grade of 70%, the highest of the two grades will be scored. Students should not start their chapter test if there is a possibility of the test not being completed in the 2-hour time frame. Students must obtain no less than 70% course average grade to be eligible to take the final exam.

#### **Final Exam:**

During the 4th week of the course the student will take the final exam. The student must score no less than 70% of the final exam to obtain a certificate of completion. The final exam will be comprehensive of all material taught during the course. The final exam must be taken in a proctored setting and will be administered the same day as skills testing.

### **Computer Issues:**

Computer issues will not be accepted as an excuse for missed/late work, test issues etc. It is very rare that a student will be allowed to make up missed work or have an exam reset.

### **Late Work:**

Late work will not be accepted after the 4th Wednesday of the course, and no credit will be given for the work not turned in on time.

### **What is considered a week?**

A week is considered Monday through Sunday, from midnight to midnight.

### **Grading:**

Grades will be assigned based on the following criteria:

A= 90 to 100

B= 80 to 89

C= 70 to 79

F= less than 70

Both Classroom and TCFP designated skill evaluation are Pass/Fail. Student must pass all skills in order to obtain a certificate of completion.

### **Classroom Skills Evaluation:**

Skills will be evaluated throughout the class. Students are required to attend the designated skills evaluation day, either in-person or via online setting. Skills day will be during the fourth week of class.

### **TCFP Designated Skill(s) Evaluation:**

Skill evaluation and testing will be performed on the same day, minimizing travel time.

Students will have the option to have online proctored testing or in-person proctored testing and skills evaluation. The online proctored testing will be performed via either google meet or zoom. TCFP skills evaluation for this course will be done in person only.

If a student has a qualified field examiner at their home department, we will allow their home department to proctor the final exam and skills evaluation.