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*The Ohio Fire Officer Re-Credentialing
Program*



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Ohio Fire Chiefs' Re-Credentialing Program

The Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association (OFCA) and the Ohio Fire & Emergency Services Foundation (OF&ESF) have identified the need to further enhance the professionalism of fire officers throughout the State of Ohio by the establishment of a uniform credential program.

Credentialed participants are required to renew their credentials every three years. The OFCA, through this re-credentialing program, has attempted to establish occupational education, fire service related training and experience criteria relevant to the position of fire officer.

The re-credentialing process is open to all officers that have received their Ohio Fire Officer Credential within the past three (3) years.

By participation in the re-credentialing program, an applicant agrees to abide by a Mission Statement and Code of Professional Conduct. The Re-Credentialing Review Committee will review all re-credentialing applications and make a recommendation to the OFCA Board of Directors. The OFCA Board of Directors will retain the final approval of all re-credentialing applications.

What is required For Re-Credentialing

1. Re-Credentialing candidate's Letter of Introduction
2. Candidate's Signed Statement of Re-Credentialing Application

Mission Statement of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association

The Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association represents, educates and supports the leadership of Ohio's fire and emergency services.

Fire Officer Code of Professional Conduct

SECTION 1 We shall be dedicated to the concepts of effective fire protection by being responsible chief fire officers and we believe that professional leadership is essential to the achievement of this objective. We pledge ourselves to advance the science of fire service through training courses and other methods to meet the proper requirements of our profession.

SECTION 2

We recognize that the most important function of local fire departments is to serve the best interests of the community.

SECTION 3

We shall be dedicated to the highest ideals of personal character, honor and integrity in all public and personal relationships in order that fire officers may merit the respect and confidence of the community.

SECTION 4

We shall refrain from participating in political activities which may impair our performance as professional administrators.

SECTION 5

We shall handle all matters in our best judgment so that fairness and impartiality govern our decisions.

SECTION 6

We shall observe all of the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the State of Ohio and all applicable local laws.

SECTION 7

We shall make known the risks to be anticipated, should the fire officers' professional recommendations be disregarded by others.

SECTION 8

We shall recognize the professional competence and the mutual dependence of all Ohio fire officers and we pledge cooperation to those professionals and agencies concerned with the improvement of fire protection.

Formal Education

College degree can be in any subject for credit. No credit for partial completion of degree requirements will be awarded in this section. All degrees or course work must be from an accredited college or university. **The completion/graduation date of the degree or certificate must be within the 3 years re-credentiating cycle.**

Formal Education – Maximum Points 25

- 1. College Certificate 3 points
- 2. Associate Degree 5 points
- 3. Bachelor’s Degree 10 points
- 4. Master’s Degree 15 points
- 5. Doctorate PhD 25 points

(Note: Only one-point value may be selected.)

Fire Officer Certifications

Certification/completion date must be within the 3-year re-credentiating cycle.

Fire Officer Certifications (Highest Level Attained) – Maximum Points 20

- 1. Fire Officer I 5 points
- 2. Fire Officer II 10 points
- 3. Fire Officer III 15 points
- 4. Fire Officer IV 20 points

(Note: Select only one level.)

Other Certifications - Any re-certification that occurred during the 3-year re-credentiating cycle is eligible for credit.

Any NEW certification obtained during the 3-year re-credentiating cycle is eligible for credit.

Other certifications – Maximum Points 15

- 1. Hazardous Materials – Operations 5 points
- 2. Hazardous Materials – Technician 10 points
- 3. Emergency Medical Responder 3 points
- 4. EMT 5 points
- 5. EMT – Advanced 10 Points
- 6. EMT – Paramedic 15 points
- 7. Fire Safety Inspector Instructor 10 points
- 8. Fire Safety Inspector 10 points
- 9. Hazard Recognition Officer 5 points
- 10. Assistant Fire Instructor 5 points

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| 11. Live Fire Instructor | 5 points |
| 12. Fire Instructor | 10 points |
| 13. Continuing Education Instructor | 5 points |
| 14. Assistant EMS Instructor | 5 points |
| 15. EMS Instructor | 10 points |
| 16. Any level technical rescue certification | 5 points |
| 17. Others (Will be evaluated for point credit) | |

Professional Development

All courses, seminars, programs, etc. submitted for credit must be associated with information designed specifically for company officers. **Courses, seminars, programs, etc. submitted for credit must have been obtained within the 3-years re-credentialing cycle.** Course, seminars, programs, etc. may come from accredited colleges or universities (if not awarded points in Formal education section, fire schools, weekend seminars, workshops, seminars, OFCA and OF&ESF courses, Ohio Fire Academy, national Fire Academy, conferences, International Fire Chiefs’ Association, International Fire Fighters Association, online courses and other learning organizations recognized/accepted by the OFCA.

Professional Development Credit – Maximum 50 points

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| Completed Executive Fire Officer (NFA) | 10 points |
| Completed Ohio Fire Executive Officer | 10 points |
| National Fire Academy Courses, Ohio Fire Academy, OFCA courses, other training agencies, In-House Training | 1 pt per 2 hrs. |

Active Association Membership

Active membership in fire, rescue, EMS emergency management and public service organizations will be accepted. Local, county, state, regional and international organizations are accepted. Examples are: OFCA, IAFC, IAFF, IAAF, NFPA, local fire organizations, Rotary and Chamber of Commerce. Applicant must provide copies of membership cards or letters or other proof acknowledging membership.

Maximum Points 5

Total Points required for Re-Credentialing: 50 points

Re-credentialing criteria

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| 1. Formal Education – Post High School | Maximum Points 25 |
| 2. Fire Officer certifications | Maximum Points 20 |
| 3. Other certifications | Maximum Points 15 |
| 4. Professional Development | Maximum Points 50 |
| 5. Active Memberships | Maximum Points 5 |

Application for OFO Re-Credentialing

I certify I have completed all requirements for re-credentialing. I understand that re-credentialing is subject to the approval of the OFCA. I will execute the necessary documents and supply further information as determined by the committee. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentation submitted in the course of these proceedings may result in the revocation of any credentialing. I give permission for verification of any information provided in this application package.

Name: _____

Print

Organization: _____

Org. Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Current Position: _____

Contact Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Re-Credentialing Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have questions, contact the OFCA administrative staff at 614-410-6322 or 1-800-347-3704.

Re-credentialing will be for a three-year period. Fees: \$100.00 for re-credentialing application (3-year cycle.)

Check should be made payable to: Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association 450 West Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 150 Worthington, Ohio 43085

Re-credentialing fee is non-refundable.

SCORE SHEET

50 points required for re-credentialing

- 1. Formal Education (max. 25 points) _____
- 2. Fire Officer Certifications (max. 20 points) _____
- 3. Other certifications (max. 15 points) _____
- 4. Professional development (max. 50 points) _____
- 5. Active Association Memberships (max. 5 points) _____

TOTAL POINTS (must total minimum 50 points)

