

Emergency Services Training(EST): Training and Testing Summary

(Note: The following narrative was added in January 2013 to clarify the purpose of the study and provide a program overview not included in the original document. No other changes were made to the original report.)

In January 2012, the Division of Professional-Technical Education, Fire Service Technology (FST) program, formerly Emergency Services Training (EST), was directed to provide training and testing information for FY09-FY11 to the Idaho Legislature. The purpose of this study was to determine if there was a disproportionate distribution of training and testing resources between different regions of the state.

Idaho has no minimum training requirements for fire fighters. With a decentralized, non-standardized approach to fire fighter training and qualification, FST supports more than 240 fire departments by administering training and testing of 7,000 Idaho firefighters annually in more than 200 supported courses.

FST partners with other entities at the federal, state and local level to coordinate services, support, and leverage limited resources to provide additional training opportunities using NFPA standards and a cadre of in-house and state qualified instructors. Fire departments may choose to conduct self-supported in-house training events or they may request training assistance from FST. If FST assistance is requested the training event may be opened on a first enrolled basis to other departments in order to maximize training efforts. Students that complete a FST approved course receive a certificate of completion.

FST administers the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certification program, a voluntary program that provides a benchmark of fire fighter competencies based on established standards regardless of department affiliation or status. The certification process consists of testing that must be completed to standards before the appropriate level of certification is awarded. Not all students completing FST training courses will elect to enroll in the IFSAC testing program. Course completion certificates from training are not a substitute or equivalent to IFSAC accredited certification.

This summary is grouped by the six technical college regions to coincide with the training and testing numbering system used in the detailed reports. Results list the number of training and testing classes, the number of students enrolled, and the number of testing and training events that were cancelled. Two supplemental lists (Cancelled Training, Cancelled Testing) include an explanation why the event was cancelled.

Training/Testing Summary - Region

Event	Region 1/2			Region 3/4			Region 5/6		
	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11
# Classes	95	85	137	103	100	171	75	58	119
# students	1556	1733	2319	1980	1710	2878	1271	903	1768
Tests cancelled *	1	1	2	2	1	3	0	0	4
Trng cancelled *	14	7	6	21	4	8	11	9	1

*See attached cancellation list. Listed by fiscal year and college code.

The following data shows greater detail of the training and testing events by fiscal year and region. This lists the number of classes scheduled compared to the number of students enrolled in the event. "NFA" means National Fire Academy sponsored classes.

Region 1 - NIC

		Region 1	
Event	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11
Fire Svc classes/students	43/740	41/889	62/840
Haz Mat classes/students	11/151	13/213	17/186
NFA classes/students	4/69	4/111	12/633
Total classes/students	58/960	58/1213	91/1659
Tests cancelled - total		1	
Fire Svc		1	
Haz Mat			
NFA			
Trng cancelled - total	8	7	5
Fire Svc	5	7	5
Haz Mat	3		
NFA			

Region 2 – LCSC

		Region 2	
Event	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11
Fire Svc classes/students	26/451	21/400	30/419
Haz Mat classes/students	5/52	3/57	10/129
NFA classes/students	6/67	3/63	6/112
Total classes/students	37/570	27/520	46/660
Tests cancelled- total	1		2
Fire Svc	1		2
Haz Mat			
NFA			
Trng cancelled-total	6		1
Fire Svc	6		1
Haz Mat			
NFA			

Region 3 – BSU/CWI

		Region 3	
Event	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11
Fire Svc classes/students	27/439	35/606	61/626
Haz Mat classes/students	23/672	15/208	24/450
NFA classes/students	13/185	2/31	18/409
Total classes/students	63/1296	52/845	103/1485
Tests cancelled-total	1		3
Fire Svc	1		3
Haz Mat			
NFA			
Trng cancelled-total	12	4	6
Fire Svc	10	4	5
Haz Mat	2		1
NFA			

Region 4 – CSI

		Region 4	
Event	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11
Fire Svc classes/students	25/496	28/557	45/988
Haz Mat classes/students	7/54	13/181	12/170
NFA classes/students	8/134	7/127	11/235
Total classes/students	40/684	48/865	68/1393
Tests cancelled-total	1	1	
Fire Svc	1	1	
Haz Mat			
NFA			
Trng cancelled-total	9		2
Fire Svc	9		2
Haz Mat			
NFA			

Region 5 – ISU

		Region 5	
Event	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11
Fire Svc classes/students	6/72	6/104	31/521

Haz Mat classes/students	3/39	3/48	22/275
NFA classes/students	0/0	1/5	5/140
Total classes/students	9/111	10/157	58/936
Tests cancelled-total			3
Fire Svc			2
Haz Mat			1
NFA			
Trng cancelled-total	4	2	1
Fire Svc	2	2	
Haz Mat	2		
NFA			1

Region 6 – EITC

		Region 6	
Event	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11
Fire Svc classes/students	38/855	25/475	40/562
Haz Mat classes/students	15/236	14/236	16/205
NFA classes/students	4/69	9/135	5/65
Total classes/students	66/1160	48/746	61/832
Tests cancelled-total			1
Fire Svc			1
Haz Mat			
NFA			
Trng cancelled-total	7	7	
Fire Svc	7	6	
Haz Mat		1	
NFA			

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