

MARYLAND FIRE SERVICE  
PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS  
BOARD, INC.



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Dear Friends of the Maryland Fire Service:

As the chair of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board, Inc. (MFSPQB), it is an honor and privilege to present to you our annual report for CY 2017. This report serves as a testimony to the continued leadership of the Maryland Fire Service within the realm of certification and professionalism.

This year we are in our 32nd year of operation as the "Voluntary Fire Service Certification System" within the State of Maryland. Our accomplishments in the area of certification are certainly one of the stellar achievements of the American fire service today. Maryland and the MFSPQB continue to be recognized nationally and internationally at the forefront of professionalism. When we met in Annapolis in 1986 with a recommendation from the MFRETC no one ever imagined that a concept would prove to be such a success and that it would define the professionalism of our fire service for generations.

Our system only exists due to the consistent cooperation that is fostered both internally and externally. We acknowledge the continued close working relationship between the MFSPQB and the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI). The unparalleled support provided by MFRI under Director Steven T. Edwards now continues under the leadership of Executive Director Michael E. Cox. This is further validated by our ongoing relationship with MFRI staff who provide infrastructure to the MFSPQB specifically: Mr. Robert Rose, Ms. Grace Sokolowski, and Mr. Seth Bergin, Mr. Ronald Hassan and Mr. Lawrence Preston.

The relationship that has been forged with our Accredited Training Review Agencies (ATRA's), who serve as an extension of the MFSPQB within the jurisdictions throughout our state has become a model for other entities. We also continue to provide leadership to both of our accrediting bodies, the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (NBFSPQ) and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

As a consensus based organization, our members serve as our governance. This includes both the jurisdictional representatives from each county and the major cities in Maryland as well as representation from the major fire service organizations. These include the Maryland State Firemen's Association, the Professional Firefighters of Maryland, The Maryland Fire Rescue Institute (MFRI) the State Fire Marshal, the Council of Fire/Rescue Academies, the Maryland Fire Chief's Association, and the Maryland Fire Rescue Education and Training Commission (MFRETC) from whom we were created. We are also indebted to each member and alternate member for their support and continued service.

Through our continued accreditation by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (NBFSPQ) and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) we maintain a standard of excellence. The Maryland System continues to offer consistent validation that is reciprocal throughout the nation and in many parts of the world. Our current "model" of certification has become the template for much of the fire service. It is our goal to solidify this even further through quality assurance and improvement efforts.

Our mission and its fulfillment continue through the unique dynamics that exist in our state's fire service and its associated organizations. Throughout the state you can consistently see our logo displayed as the standard of "personnel excellence." Our certifications, numbering more than 160,000 and encompass all areas of fire service credentialing. From Fire Fighter to Fire Officer to Fire Service Instructor to Incident Safety Officer we have embraced all fire service personnel qualifications and have enabled recognition of professionalism through certification.

We must assure our mission of certification continues and prepare for our future challenges by developing a "vision". This vision must be consistent with the direction of the fire service and the interests of professionalism. We must work with our constituencies to maintain their involvement and commitment to professionalism through certification. In that spirit of progress we present to you our annual report and certification manual.

Michael Robinson  
Chair, MFSPQB

## *Recognizing Education and Training Excellence Through Certification*

### **Mission**

To recognize, through certification, achievements in training and education by fire service personnel.

### **Goals**

- Initiate, administer, and promote the Maryland Voluntary Fire Service Certification System.
- Review courses of study and recommend curriculum that will lend to standards of certifications.
- Publish recommendations in regard to levels of education achievement.
- Distribute literature and publications that promote certification.
- Establish and provide for uniformity in regard to courses of study and training that lend to standards of certification.

### **Philosophy**

Certification system based upon our training and education programs, thus "program-based certification." With this philosophy,

1. training and education programs are standardized,
2. programs are objective driven,
3. programs are educationally sound,
4. programs are safe,
5. programs address and encompass the respective national standard; 100%,
6. evaluate students to the respective national standard through quizzes, written and practical examinations, and skills performance evolutions/evaluations, and
7. continue to evaluate our system by self-evaluation, visitation, and statistical review.

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**Maryland Voluntary Fire Service Certification System  
Certification Statistics for CY-2016 & 2017**

Certification	CY2016	CY2017
<b>NFPA 1001, Chapters:</b>		
5 FFI - Fire Fighter I (1001-10)	240	332
6 FFII - Fire Fighter II (1001-20)	248	326
<b>NFPA 1002, Chapters:</b>		
4,5 FADOP - Fire Apparatus Driver Operator - Pump (1002-10)	89	102
4,6 FADOA - Fire Apparatus Driver Operator - Aerial (1002-20)	121	68
4,6,7 FADOT - Fire Apparatus Driver Operator - Tiller (1002-30)	13	30
4,9 FADOARF - Fire Apparatus Driver Operator - ARFFA (1002-50)	5	2
4,10 FADOMWS - Fire Apparatus Driver Operator - Mobile Water Supply (1002-60)	33	36
<b>NFPA 1003, Chapters:</b>		
5 AFF - Airport Fire Fighter (1003-10)	21	25
<b>NFPA 1006, Chapters:</b>		
5,7 1006CSTR - Confined Space Technical Rescuer I & II (1006-116)	114	143
5,9 1006SCTR - Structural Collapse Technical Rescuer I & II (1006-126)	20	38
5,8 1006TTR - Trench Technical Rescuer I & II (1006-136)	31	53
5,12 1006STR - Swiftwater Technical Rescuer I & II (1006-176)	28	45
5,10 1006VTR - Vehicle Technical Rescuer I & II (1006-216)	203	294
5,6 1006RTR - Rope Technical Rescuer I & II (1006-86)	105	54
5,11 1006SWTR - Surface Water Technical Rescuer I & II (1006-96)	33	48
<b>NFPA 1021, Chapters:</b>		
4 FOI - Fire Officer I (1021-10)	129	133
5 FOII - Fire Officer II (1021-20)	124	89
6 FOIII - Fire Officer III (1021-30)	75	120
7 FOIV - Fire Officer IV (1021-40)	37	117
<b>NFPA 1031, Chapters:</b>		
4 FII - Fire Inspector I (1031-10)	197	123
5 FIII - Fire Inspector II (1031-20)	69	67
6 FIIII - Fire Inspector III (1031-30)	37	32
7 1031PE1 - Plan Examiner I (1031-40)	52	41
8 1031PE2 - Plan Examiner II (1031-50)	51	41
<b>NFPA 1033, Chapter</b>		
4 FIN - Investigator (1033-10)	47	20
<b>NFPA 1035, Chapters:</b>		
5 10351 - Fire and Life Safety Educator I (1035-10)	47	7
6 10352 - Fire and Life Safety Educator II (1035-20)	2	1
8 1035PIO - Public Information Officer (1035-40)	1	0
<b>NFPA 1041, Chapters:</b>		

4 INSTI - Fire Service Instructor I (1041-10)	184	205
5 INSTII - Fire Service Instructor II (1041-20)	107	137
6 INSTIII - Fire Service Instructor III (1041-30)	95	131
<b>NFPA 1061, Chapters:</b>		
4 PSTI – Telecommunicator I (1061-10)	0	0
5 PSTII – Telecommunicator II (1061-20)	0	0
<b>NFPA 1081, Chapters:</b>		
5 1081IIFBM - Incipient Industrial Fire Brigade Member (1081-10)	1	0
6 1081IAEIFBM – Advanced Exterior Industrial Fire Brigade Member (1081-20)	0	0
7 ISFBM - Interior Structural Industrial Fire Brigade Member (1081-30)	20	0
<b>NFPA 1521, Chapters:</b>		
4,5 1521HSO - Health & Safety Officer (1521-10)	240	130
4,6 1521ISO - Incident Safety Officer (1521-20)	83	62
4,6.1,6.2,6.6,6.7 1521ISOFS - Incident Safety Officer-Fire Suppression (1521-30)	213	132
4,6.1,6.3,6.6,6.7 1521ISOEMS - Incident Safety Officer-Emergency Medical Services Operations (1521-40)	167	47
4,6.1,6.5,6.6,6.7 1521ISOHMO - Incident Safety Officer-Hazardous Materials Operations (1521-50)	93	59
4,6.1,6.4,6.6, 6.7 1521ISOTR - Incident Safety Officer-Technical Rescue (1521-65)	137	68
<b>NFPA 472, Chapters:</b>		
4 HMA - Hazardous Materials Incidents-Awareness Level (472-10)	253	356
5,6,2,6.6 HMOP - Hazardous Materials Incidents - Operations for Fire Fighters (472-26)	311	478
7 HMT - Hazardous Materials Incidents-Technician Level (472-30)	116	60
8 HMIC - Hazardous Materials Incidents-Commander Level (472-40)	46	30
<b>MFSPQB EMSOI, Chapters:</b>		
EMSOI - Emergency Medical Services Officer I (EMSOI)	61	0
<b>MCMERG FRBCM1, Chapters:</b>		
FRBCM1 - Fire/Rescue Boat Crew-Mate I (FRBCM1)	7	3
<b>MCMERG FRBCM2, Chapters:</b>		
FRBCM2 - Fire/Rescue Boat Crew-Mate II (FRBCM2)	7	4
<b>MCMERG FRBCMVO, Chapters:</b>		
FRBCMVO - Fire/Rescue Boat Crew-Motor Vessel (FRBCMVO)	5	3
<b>MFSPQB SBFFA, Chapters:</b>		
SBFFA - Shipboard Firefighter-Awareness (SBFFA)	4	2
<b>Program Certifications Issued</b>	<b>4303</b>	<b>4376</b>
<b>Previous Edition Certifications Issued</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>824</b>
<b>TOTAL CERTIFICATIONS ISSUED</b>	<b>4908</b>	<b>5200</b>