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The Ohio Fire Chief Re-Credentialing Program

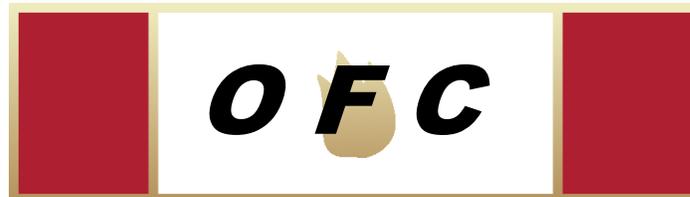


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Ohio Fire Chiefs' Re-Credentialing Program

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 chief 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 chief grade officer.

The re-credentialing process is open to all chief grade officers that have received their Ohio Fire Chief 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. Organizational Position Chart
3. Candidate's Re-Credentialing Application Packet (Items must be in order)
 - a. Formal Education
 - b. Fire Officer Certifications
 - c. Professional Development
 - d. Active Association Memberships
4. Candidate's Signed Statement of Re-Credentialing Application
5. Score Sheet

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 Chiefs' 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 interest 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 chief 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 chief's professional recommendations be disregarded by others.

Section 8

We shall recognize the professional competence and the mutual dependence of all Ohio chief 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. A copy of the degree, certificate or official transcript is required. 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 year re-credentialing 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

Applicant must provide proof of certification from fire related fields. Certifications can be issued by Federal, State, NFPA, OFCA or other entity recognized by the Ohio Fire Chiefs’ Association. Certification/completion date must be within the 3 year re-credentialing 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)

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATIONS - Any re-certification that occurred during the 3 year re-credentialing cycle is eligible for credit. Proof of re-certification must be submitted.

Any **new** certification obtained during the 3 year re-credentialing cycle is eligible for credit.

Technical Certifications – Maximum Points 15

1. Hazardous Materials – Operation	5 Points
2. Hazardous Materials Technician	10 Points
3. EMT – Basic	5 points
4. EMT – Intermediate	10 points
5. EMT – Paramedic	15 points
6. Fire Inspector I	5 Points
7. Fire Inspector II	10 Points
8. Fire or EMS Instructor I	5 Point
9. Fire or EMS Instructor II	10 points
10. Any level technical rescue certification	5 points
11. Others (Will be evaluated for point credit)	

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Certificates of attendance or completion for all courses to be credited must be provided for examination. A transcript, syllabus or course outline should be included in cases where no certificates are provided. These items will be considered as the necessary documentation for credit. All courses, seminars, programs, etc. submitted for credit must be associated with information designed specifically for chief grade officers. **Courses, seminars, programs, etc. submitted for credit must have been obtained within the 3 years re-credentialing cycle.**

Courses, seminars, programs etc. may come from accredited colleges or universities (if not awarded points in Formal Education section), fire schools, weekend seminars, workshops, OFCA and OF&ESF courses, Ohio Fire Academy, National Fire Academy, conferences, online courses and other learning organizations accepted by the OFCA.

Professional Development Credit – Maximum 60 points

Completed Executive Fire Officer	10 Points
Completed Ohio Fire Executive Officer	7.5 points
National Fire Academy Courses	2 points per 4 hours
Ohio Fire Academy, OFCA courses, other training agencies	1 point per 2 hours
In-house training	.5 point per 3 hours

Other training with documentation will be evaluated for credit. Documentation for committee participation will be evaluated for credit.

ACTIVE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Active membership in fire, rescue, emergency management and public service organizations will be accepted. Local, county, state, regional and international organizations are accepted. Examples are OFCA, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Arson Investigator, National Fire Protection Association, local fire organizations, Rotary and Chamber of Commerce. Applicant must provide copies of membership cards, letters acknowledging acceptance of membership, or other proof.

Maximum of 5 points

Total points required for Re-Credentialing: 60 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 60 |
| 5. Active Association Memberships | Maximum Points 5 |

Application 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: \$125.00 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. Please do not place materials in a binder or staple them together.

SCORE SHEET

Re-credentialing candidate : _____ (Print your full name)

60 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. 60 points) _____
- 5. Active Association Memberships (max. 5 points) _____

TOTAL POINTS (must total minimum 60 points)

Reviewer Initials: _____ Date: _____

Ohio Fire Chiefs' Re-Credentialing

Formal Education

(List degrees or college certificates completed during 3 year re-credentialing cycle)

Degree/Certificate	College/University	Year	Reviewer Only

Fire Certifications

(List all new or re-certifications that have occurred within the 3 year re-credentialing cycle)

Fire Officer Certifications	Issuing Organization	Year	Reviewer Only

Fire/EMS/Technical Certifications

(List all new certifications or re-certifications submitting for review along with proper documentation)

Certification Level	Training Organization	Year	Reviewer Only

Active Association Membership(s)

(List all associations submitting for review along with proper documentation)

Organization	Year(s)	Reviewer Only

