

## **Confined Space Technician**

As part of the rule changes that were adopted by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) on January 1, 2023, the *Confined Space Technician* certification was added to the firefighter certification program.

We recognize that training facilities taught the *Confined Space Technician* course prior to DPSE adding the certification to our program. For a training facility's course to be considered for course equivalency, the following requirements must be met:

- The course must meet or exceed the qualifications identified in the NFPA Standards JPR's and the course must have consisted of a minimum of 24 instructional hours.
- The training facility must submit a course completion roster for all students who successfully completed the course no later than December 31, 2023.

For *Confined Space Technician* courses that meet the above mentioned requirements and the teaching facility submits the course completion for the student, a course equivalency will be approved for the student, who has successfully passed the course prior to January 1, 2023.

**Students will be required to pass the Division's *Confined Space Technician* written exam no later than December 31, 2024.**

- If the state written exam is passed on or before the expiration date, the department may apply for certification, provided the member meets the *Confined Space Operations* certification prerequisites.
- If the state written exam is not passed by the expiration date, the student will be required to pass the *Confined Space Technician* state written and practical examinations and meet the *Confined Space Operations* certification prerequisites prior to certification. Note that retaking the course is not required for certification purposes.

The approved certification reference materials are as follows:

### **141.353 Confined Space Technician (CST)**

1. NFPA 1006: *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications* (2017).
2. Confined Space Rescue Technician Manual, Revised 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. CMC Rescue.