

1 11 NCAC 05A .0901 is amended with changes as published in 40:13 NCR 1055 as follows:

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3 **11 NCAC 05A .0901 DEFINITIONS**

4 As used in this Subchapter:

- 5 (1) "9S Inspection" means an inspection conducted by the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to
6 ensure compliance with the requirements of this Section in order to receive a public protection
7 classification rating.
- 8 (2) "Automatic Aid" means assistance dispatched automatically by contractual agreement between
9 two communities or fire districts to all structure fires.
- 10 (3) "Eligible Firefighter" means all persons 18 years of age or older who are firefighters as defined by
11 G.S. 58-86-2.
- 12 (4) "Engine" means a motorized vehicle meeting the requirements of NFPA 1901, "Standard for
13 Automotive Fire Apparatus."
- 14 (5) "Fire Department" means an organization established or organized under applicable State and local
15 laws, for the purpose of limiting, reducing, or preventing damage or personal injury caused by fire
16 or other emergency.
- 17 (6) "Fire Districts" or "Insurance Districts" means an area within a city, town, municipality, or county
18 that is established in order to provide fire prevention and fire suppression services.
- 19 (7) "Fire Station" means a building ~~for the housing of fire department apparatus and personnel. a~~
20 certified engine and personnel.
- 21 (8) "Gallons Per Minute" or "GPM" means the volume of water flow from a hose, hydrant, or other
22 fire suppression apparatus.
- 23 ~~(9) "Insurance Services Office" or "ISO" means the Insurance Services Office, Inc.~~
- 24 ~~(10) "North Carolina Fire Suppression Rating Schedule" or "NCFSRS" shall mean means the current~~
25 edition of the ISO Fire Suppression Rating Schedule.
- 26 ~~(9)-(11)~~ (11) "Pounds Per Square Inch" or "PSI" means the pressure a gas or liquid exerts on the walls of its
27 container.
- 28 ~~(10)-(12)~~ (12) "Public Protection Classification" or "PPC" means a rating given to fire districts or insurance
29 districts throughout the State on their ability to provide fire prevention and fire suppression
30 services to affected areas within its jurisdictional boundaries.
- 31 ~~(13)~~ (13) "Response District" means an area within a city, town, or municipality to which a fire department
32 responds in order to provide fire prevention and fire suppression services.
- 33 ~~(11)~~ (14) "Road Miles" are the miles that a fire apparatus will travel from a fire station to an emergency
34 scene.
- 35 ~~(12)~~ (15) "Rural Fire District" means a fire district that is outside the jurisdictional boundaries of a city,
36 ~~town~~ town, or municipality and is established pursuant to ~~G.S.~~ Chapter 69, Article 3A ~~of~~ ~~G.S.~~
37 Chapter 153A, Article 11 of the General Statutes.

1 ~~(14)~~ (16) "Structure Fire" means a condition where an actual monetary loss or physical damage has occurred **to**
2 **a building or constructed** ~~area, area~~ due to the result of a fire.

3 ~~(14)~~ (17) "Tanker" means ~~a fire truck/engine~~ an apparatus designed to carry water to fires, whether equipped
4 with or without a pump to dispense the water.

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1 11 NCAC 05A .0902 is amended with changes as published in 40:13 NCR 1055 as follows:

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3 **11 NCAC 05A .0902 PURPOSE**

4 (a) This Section establishes standards for insurance public protection classifications for fire districts
5 throughout the State.

6 (b) Fire districts **in all rural areas of the State** and **in** cities with populations of 100,000 or fewer
7 according to the most recent annual population estimates certified by the State Budget Officer shall be inspected by
8 ~~the Department~~ OSFM in accordance with the requirements of this Section. All other fire districts in the State shall
9 be inspected by the Insurance Services Office (~~"ISO"~~) in accordance with this Section.

10 (c) A "PPC 1" is the best rating, and a "PPC 10" indicates that the fire district does not meet the
11 minimum protection requirements.

12 (d) A fire district that meets the certification requirements set forth in this Section shall be given a
13 public protection classification of "PPC 9S."

14 (e) A fire district that meets the certification requirements set forth in this Section, but contains
15 properties within its jurisdictional limits that are more than five but within six road miles from a responding fire
16 station, shall be given a public protection classification rating of "PPC 9E."

17 (f) If a fire district contains some properties within its jurisdictional limits that meet the requirements
18 of a certain PPC rating, and some properties within its jurisdictional limits that meet the requirements of another
19 PPC rating, the fire district may receive a split rating.

20 (g) To receive a public protection classification better than a "PPC 9S," a fire district must meet the
21 requirements of this Section and the North Carolina Fire Suppression Rating ~~Schedule~~ (~~"NCFSR"~~). Schedule.

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1 11 NCAC 05A .0903 is amended with changes as published in 40:13 NCR 1055 as follows:

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3 **11 NCAC 05A .0903 RATING OF FIRE DISTRICTS**

4 (a) To receive a PPC rating, a fire department shall submit a written request to OSFM containing the
5 following information:

- 6 (1) The name of the fire district;
- 7 (2) The name of the entity that operates the fire ~~district (e.g., city, town, county, [or] non-profit~~
8 ~~corporation); district. Note: as an example, the city, town, county, or non-profit corporation;~~
- 9 (3) The name of the person in charge of the entity that operates the fire ~~district; district. Note: as an~~
10 ~~example, the president of the board of directors of the fire district, county manager, or city~~
11 ~~manager;~~
- 12 (4) The name and title of the Fire ~~Chief or his or her designee; Chief;~~
- 13 (5) The physical address of the location of every fire station utilized by the fire department;
- 14 (6) The mailing address of the fire department;
- 15 (7) The Federal (FEIN) Tax ID number of the fire department;
- 16 (8) Copies of any contracts with a local government body to provide fire protection; and
- 17 (9) A Geographic Information System ("GIS") computer-generated map of the fire district, and
18 documentation of the approval of the map by the local governing body if applicable.

19 (b) A fire department may contract with more than one unit of government to provide fire protection.
20 In addition, a local unit of government may contract with more than one fire department to provide fire
21 protection.

22 (c) 9S Re-Inspections. Fire departments shall be re-inspected by ~~OSFM, OSFM~~ at least every ~~40~~
23 seven years and shall be notified by OSFM of such 9S re-inspection in writing at least 30 days in advance. In
24 addition, upon receipt of information alleging noncompliance with this Section that is reviewed and verified by
25 OSFM, OSFM shall perform unannounced re-inspections of fire departments.

26 (d) New Station Inspection. A fire department may request a certification inspection for any ~~new~~
27 additional station that the fire department seeks to include in the rating of its fire district. Before OSFM will conduct
28 the inspection, the fire department must provide the following:

- 29 (1) Proof of Certificate of Occupancy; and
- 30 (2) If the fire department is adding to their rated insurance district with an additional station or making
31 any changes to the ~~insurance~~ response district lines, new maps and approvals in accordance with
32 Subparagraph (a)(9) of this Rule.

33 (e) Merging of fire departments. When two or more fire departments merge into one fire department,
34 OSFM shall conduct a 9S inspection. Before the inspection will be conducted, the fire departments must provide to
35 OSFM the information requirements of required by Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

36 (f) Unless otherwise approved pursuant to Paragraph (g) of this Rule, a fire district may not extend
37 more than five road miles from a responding fire station.

1 (g) A rural fire district may extend its boundaries to more than five ~~road miles~~ but within six road miles from a
2 responding fire department ~~if, in addition to the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, if~~ the fire department
3 enters a written automatic aid contract with another jurisdiction that requires the responding party to respond with at
4 least one piece of fire apparatus capable of carrying at least 1,000 gallons of ~~water.~~ water and the extension is
5 approved by the board of county commissioners of the county to which the rural fire district is extended.
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3 **11 NCAC 05A .0904 FACILITIES**

4 (a) ~~A fire station shall be provided with~~ A fire department shall have heating for all-weather protection
5 of ~~apparatus.~~ apparatus at every fire station.

6 (b) ~~———— If a fire department has multiple fire stations, each fire station shall not be more than 10 road miles from~~
7 ~~another fire station within the fire district.~~

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1 11 NCAC 05A .0905 is amended with changes as published in 40:13 NCR 1055 as follows:

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3 **11 NCAC 05A .0905 APPARATUS SPECIFICATIONS AND EQUIPMENT**

4 (a) Engines. All stations shall have at least one engine ~~that is:~~ that:

5 (1) ~~Is Constructed~~ constructed in accordance with NFPA 1901, "~~Standard for Automotive Fire~~
6 ~~Apparatus~~"; 1901; and

7 ~~(2) Annually undergoes a fire pump performance test, as identified in NFPA 1911. If the engine was~~
8 ~~purchased within the previous 12 months, the certification required by Part (a)(3)(A) of this Rule~~
9 ~~shall satisfy this requirement; and~~

10 ~~(2)(3) Is Equipped~~ equipped with the following:

11 (A) A pump certified by an independent third-party certification organization that is
12 accredited for inspection and testing systems on fire apparatus in accordance with NFPA
13 ~~1901, "Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus." 1901.~~

14 (B) A pump rated at not less than 750 GPM at 150 PSI net pump pressure.

15 (C) A tank with at least a 300-gallon capacity.

16 (D) Two 200-foot pre-connected hose lines, with a diameter of 1 ½ inches, 1 ¾ inches, or 2
17 inches, with nozzles that have a minimum flow of 95 GPM.

18 (E) At least 20 feet of hard-suction hose in a size to flow the capacity of the engine, or at
19 least 15 feet of soft-suction hose with a diameter of at least four inches.

20 (F) Four self-contained breathing apparatus ~~(SCBA) in proper working condition. (SCBA). A~~
21 ~~SCBA shall be considered in proper working condition if the facepiece, back frame and~~
22 ~~harness, cylinder, hoses, low air alarms, regulators, and accessories are tested and~~
23 ~~operational in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. The SCBA's shall be~~
24 ~~certified in accordance with NFPA 1981, "Standard on Open Circuit Self Contained~~
25 ~~Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services."~~ To the extent practicable,
26 SCBAs shall comply with NFPA 1981.

27 (G) Four spare SCBA cylinders.

28 (H) One roof ladder at least 12 feet long.

29 (I) One extension ladder at least 24 feet long.

30 (J) One folding ladder.

31 (K) One pike-head axe.

32 (L) One flat-head axe.

33 (M) One forcible entry tool.

34 (N) One pike pole or plaster hook at least 6 feet long.

35 (O) Two portable, rechargeable hand lights ~~suitable for use in hazardous conditions in~~
36 ~~accordance with NFPA 70, "National Electrical Code." 70.~~

37 (P) 100 feet of utility rope, at least ½ inch in diameter.

- 1 (Q) Two ~~20-pound~~, 20-pound, class BC portable extinguishers.
- 2 (R) One 2½-gallon water extinguisher.
- 3 (S) One first aid kit.
- 4 (T) One bolt cutter at least 14 inches long.
- 5 (U) One two-way radio assigned to the apparatus.
- 6 (V) One traffic vest for each riding ~~position~~, position or a minimum of two traffic vests if the
- 7 fire department has issued a traffic vest to all members.

8 (b) Tankers. If a station has a tanker, the tanker shall:

- 9 (1) Be equipped with at least 1,000 gallons of water.
- 10 (2) Be equipped with hoses and equipment for filling the tank and transferring water to the engine.
- 11 (3) Be properly baffled in accordance with NFPA 1901, "~~Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus.~~"
- 12 1901.
- 13 (4) Be equipped with one traffic vest for each riding ~~position~~, position or a minimum of two traffic
- 14 vests if the fire department has issued a traffic vest to all members.

15 (c) Protective Clothing. Each eligible firefighter shall be provided protective ~~clothing~~ clothing, pursuant to NFPA
16 1851, "~~Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and~~
17 ~~Proximity Fire Fighting,~~" including: Protective clothing provided to eligible firefighters should, to the extent
18 practicable, comply with the requirements of NFPA 1851 and shall include the following:

- 19 (1) Helmet.
- 20 (2) Coat.
- 21 (3) Pants.
- 22 (4) Boots.
- 23 (5) Gloves.
- 24 (6) Hoods.

25 ~~(d) A fire station shall inspect all equipment inventory monthly, and document the inspection.~~

26 ~~(e) A fire station shall perform maintenance on engines and tankers in accordance with manufacturers~~
27 ~~recommendations, and maintain logs documenting all such maintenance.~~

28 ~~(f) A fire department shall perform a fire pump performance test on all engines annually, in accordance with~~
29 ~~NFPA 1911, "Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Emergency Vehicles."~~
30 ~~1911. If the engine was purchased within the previous 12 months, the certification required by Part (a)(2)(A) of this~~
31 ~~Rule shall satisfy this requirement.~~

32 (d) Fire departments shall ensure that all apparatus are registered with the North Carolina Division of Motor
33 Vehicles and insured.

34 ~~(g)(c)~~ (c) All NFPA standards referenced in this Rule Section are ~~herein~~ hereby incorporated by reference, including
35 subsequent amendments and editions. Copies of these standards are ~~available for public inspection at the~~
36 ~~Department,~~ or may be viewed online for free at the National Fire Protection Association website at
37 <http://www.nfpa.org>.

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3 **11 NCAC 05A .0907 TRAINING**

4 (a) Eligible firefighters shall ~~attend~~ have attended at least 36 hours of training ~~annually in the previous 12 months~~ in
5 the area of fire prevention, fire suppression, or protection of life and property. No more than 12 hours of emergency
6 medical services training may be counted toward the 36-hour training requirement.

7 (b) Fire departments shall provide ~~at least four hours of training per month, for~~ a total of 48 hours of training per
8 year.

9 (c) Within one year of appointment, the fire chief of each fire department shall complete a class on management of
10 fire department operations and records approved by the State Fire and Rescue ~~Commission~~ Commission. ~~in~~
11 ~~accordance with G.S. 58, Article 78.~~

12 (d) Fire departments shall maintain training records in accordance with 11 NCAC 05A .0911.

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3 **11 NCAC 05A .0908 COMMUNICATIONS AND ALARMS**

4 (a) Fire departments shall utilize ~~the~~ a Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) established pursuant to ~~G.S. 143B,~~
5 ~~Article 15, Part 10, NCFRSR Section 107 D,~~ to receive 911 calls and dispatching, 24 hours per day, ~~7~~ **7** days
6 per week.

7 (b) Notification to firefighters of emergencies may be provided by pagers, portable radios with alerting capabilities,
8 or station alerting devices with paid personnel. Text paging or phone paging by a third party shall not be an
9 acceptable means of ~~notification.~~ notification, unless the paging system is owned by the authority having
10 jurisdiction.

11 (c) In jurisdictions utilizing Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) systems, the fire department that is responsible for
12 the fire district shall be dispatched, along with the closest unit recommendation of the AVL systems. In accordance
13 with 11 NCAC 05A .0903(g), if a jurisdiction is utilizing AVL for unit dispatch in a six-mile district, it shall ensure
14 that an apparatus with a minimum of 1,000 gallons of water is dispatched as required by the automatic aid protocols.

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16 *History Note:* Authority ~~G.S. 58-2-40; 58-78A-1(b)(20); 58-78A-2; 58-36-10; 58-40-25;~~

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1 11 NCAC 05A .0910 is amended with changes as published in 40:13 NCR 1055 as follows:

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3 **11 NCAC 05A .0910 INCIDENT REPORTING**

4 (a) ~~In addition to the requirements of this Rule regarding the storage and deployment of Aqueous Film Forming~~
5 ~~Foam (AFFF), when a fire department responds to a fire, the fire chief shall ensure that a fire incident report is~~
6 ~~completed using software that complies with the current version of the National Fire Incident Reporting System~~
7 ~~(NFIRS).~~

8 ~~(b)(a) A fire department shall keep records on dates, times, and locations of all fires [to which the fire department~~
9 ~~responded] using software that complies with the current version of the NFIRS. [compatible with the records~~
10 ~~management system maintained by OSFM.]~~

11 ~~(a)(b)~~ In addition to the requirements of this Rule regarding reporting the storage and deployment of Aqueous
12 Film Forming Foam (AFFF), when a fire department responds to an incident, the fire chief shall ensure that an
13 incident report containing the date, time, and location of the incident is completed using software compatible with
14 the records management system maintained by OSFM.

15 ~~(e) (b)~~ All reports shall be submitted to OSFM as soon as practicable. ~~[In no event shall]~~ Incident reports shall not
16 be submitted to OSFM within later than 120 90 days of from incident occurrence.

17 ~~(d) (c)~~ When a fire department responds to a fire involving fatalities, an initial report shall be filed by the fire chief
18 or fire marshal of the authority having jurisdiction within 48 hours of the incident to ~~the Office of State Fire~~
19 ~~Marshal.~~ OSFM.

20 ~~(e) (d)~~ In accordance with G.S. 58-82B-10, an online reporting portal for the storage and deployment of AFFF has
21 been created at the following website: ~~https://www.ncosfm.gov/fire-rescue/ratings-and-inspections/afff-foam.~~
22 ~~[https://www.ncosfm.gov.]~~ https://ncdoi.imagetrendelite.com/Elite/Organizationncdoi/. This online reporting portal
23 consists of an online database and an online reporting tool to capture the storage and deployment of AFFF.

24 ~~(f) (e)~~ The fire chief or fire marshal of the authority having jurisdiction shall ensure that the following information
25 regarding AFFF inventory for their fire department is entered into the online database:

- 26 (1) The number of trucks at each department that carry AFFF, and the fire station or other location,
27 including street address, where each truck is located.
- 28 (2) The volume, trade name, and Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) number of the AFFF on each
29 truck.
- 30 (3) An inventory, including the volume, trade name, and CAS number of AFFF stored by each fire
31 department at a fire station or other location, including the street address where the AFFF is
32 stored.
- 33 (4) The volume, trade name, and CAS number of AFFF products that are no longer utilized and could
34 be removed from inventory for disposal, including the street address where the AFFF is stored.
- 35 (5) A photograph of the label and the container of the AFFF. For the purpose of this Subparagraph, a
36 photograph includes an electronic image produced by the camera of an electronic device. The

1 information entered in the online database shall be updated annually in accordance with G.S. 58-
2 82B-5.

3 ~~(e)~~ (f) When a fire department responds to a fire, conducts training involving AFFF ~~foam~~ in any quantity, or has an
4 accidental spill, the fire chief shall ensure an initial report is entered in the online reporting tool within 15 days of
5 the incident or the training event, including the following:

- 6 (1) The date, time, and location, including street address and GPS coordinates, where AFFF was
7 involved, the trade name, and CAS number of the AFFF used.
- 8 (2) The total volume of AFFF involved, including gallons of foam and gallons of water and total
9 concentration of foam.
- 10 (3) The reason for the deployment of AFFF, such as firefighting, fire prevention, other emergency
11 response actions intended to protect property or public safety, training, or an accidental spill.

12 ~~(h)~~ (g) The fire chief or fire marshal of the authority having jurisdiction shall ensure that an annual report is
13 available in the online reporting tool by July 1st of each year that includes the information required by Paragraph (g)
14 of this Rule.

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16 *History Note:* Authority G.S. ~~58-2-40~~; ~~58-78A-1(b)(20)~~; ~~58-78A-2~~; ~~58-36-10~~; ~~58-40-25~~; ~~58-79-1~~; ~~58-79-45~~; ~~58-~~
17 ~~82-5~~; ~~58-82-10~~; ~~58-82B-5~~; ~~58-82B-10~~; S.L. 2021-180, s. 8.10(i);

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3 **11 NCAC 05A .0911 RECORDS**

4 (a) A fire department shall maintain the following records for 36 ~~months~~: months for inspection by OSFM:

5 (1) Apparatus maintenance logs and equipment inventory for in service engines and ~~tankers, in~~
6 ~~accordance with 11 NCAC 05A .0905.~~ tankers. A fire [station] department shall inspect all in
7 service engine and tanker equipment inventory monthly and document the inspection.

8 ~~(2) Apparatus equipment inventory checks for all in service engines and tankers, in accordance with~~
9 ~~11 NCAC 05A .0905.~~

10 ~~(3)(2) Fire pump performance tests, in accordance with 11 NCAC 05A .0905.~~ tests. A fire department
11 shall perform a fire pump performance test on at least one engine annually, in accordance with
12 NFPA 1911. If the engine was purchased within the previous 12 months, the certification required
13 by Part [(a)(2)(A)] (a)(3)(A) of 11 NCAC 05A .0905 shall satisfy the requirement.

14 ~~(4)(3) Training records for all eligible firefighters, in accordance with 11 NCAC 05A .0907.~~ firefighters.
15 Training records shall include the dates, topics, hours, and personnel in attendance.

16 ~~(5)(4) The AFFF inventory and usage reports created in accordance with 11 NCAC 05A .0910.~~

17 (5) Records evidencing monthly functional testing of the components of the fire department's self-
18 contained breathing apparatus [SCBA.] (SCBA).

19 (6) Evidence of completion of criminal history record checks for each applicant over the age of 18, in
20 accordance with G.S. 143B-1209.24.

21 (b) A fire department shall maintain incident reports related to response to structure fires for a minimum of five
22 years in accordance with 11 NCAC 05A [-0907.] .0910.

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3 **11 NCAC 05A .0912 NON-COMPLIANCE**

4 (a) Upon completion of an inspection, the OSFM ~~inspector~~ representative will review the inspection results with the
5 fire chief or the chief's designee. Any fire department that fails to meet any of the standards set forth in this Section
6 shall be considered non-compliant for the purpose of determining Fire Insurance District Rating Classifications.

7 (b) A non-compliant fire department shall have a period of ~~30~~ 15 days from the date of the inspection to submit a
8 written corrective action plan to OSFM. The corrective action plan shall address each deficiency found in the
9 inspection and the corrective action the fire department will take in response to the deficiency. If a non-compliant fire
10 department fails to provide a written corrective action plan to OSFM within 15 days from the date of the inspection,
11 OSFM shall consult with the governing body that contracts for the fire district and place the fire department on
12 probation until the fire department provides the written corrective action plan to OSFM, for a period not to exceed
13 three months. If the fire department fails to provide the written corrective action plan to OSFM by the end of the
14 three-month probation period, OSFM shall designate the fire department as "PPC10" (non-certified). ~~Upon receipt of~~
15 approval of the corrective action plan from OSFM, the fire department shall have six months to become compliant. If
16 the fire department remains non-compliant after the expiration of the six-month corrective action period, OSFM shall
17 consult with the entity that operates the fire district and place the fire department on probation until the fire department
18 becomes compliant, for a period not to exceed six months. If the fire department remains non-compliant, OSFM shall
19 designate the fire department as a "PPC10" (non-certified).

20 (c) Upon receipt of approval of the corrective action plan from OSFM, the fire department shall have three months to
21 become compliant. If the fire department remains non-compliant after the expiration of the three-month corrective
22 action period, OSFM shall consult with the governing body that contracts for the fire district and place the fire
23 department on probation until the fire department becomes compliant, for a period not to exceed six months. Upon
24 completion of the probationary period, OSFM shall re-inspect the fire department for compliance. If the fire
25 department remains non-compliant, OSFM shall designate the fire department as a "PPC10" (non-certified).

26 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (c) of this Rule, a non-compliant fire department that is determined
27 to be non-compliant based on its failure to ensure four eligible firefighters respond to all structure fires shall have a
28 period of 15 days from the date of inspection to submit a written action plan to OSFM and six months from the date
29 of providing the written corrective action plan to OSFM to become compliant. If no structure fires occur in the fire
30 department's fire district within the six-month period following submission of a written corrective action plan to
31 OSFM, OSFM shall re-inspect the fire department for compliance after an additional six months.

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