

Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board Industrial Brigade Voluntary Certification Program CHARTER

Mission

To develop and implement a voluntary certification program for the SFFMA Texas Industrial Emergency Services participating members. All training and education will be established and offered to ensure a level of competency commensurate with the expected duties. Training will be structured to ensure participants in the program meet and maintain the minimum job performance requirements outlined in the applicable NFPA standard or OSHA regulation. Training does not require certification, but must be consistent in terms of duration, quality, teaching and evaluation methodologies as that provided by ProBoard or IFSAC Accredited entities.

Work Products

Provides a framework for the Industrial Brigade Voluntary Certification program, including:

- Pathway for Industrial Member Companies and their employees to measure their training within the voluntary certification program
- Recognized Qualifications for all Industrial Brigade Members
- Recognized Qualifications for Industrial Brigade Members with Rescue Responsibilities
- Recognized Qualifications for Industrial Brigade Members with Marine Firefighting Responsibilities
- And Other Recommended Training

Evaluation

Several evaluation instruments will be used by the TIESB Industrial Brigade Voluntary Certification Committee to assess qualifications of participants in the program:

- Certification-based training provided by an accredited third party
- Proof of equivalent training by member companies who do not certify their emergency responders
- Validation of training if not certified

Team Structure

The Industrial Brigade Voluntary Certification Committee will be comprised of representative from the TIESB active roster. The committee will function under the guidance of a Committee Chairperson. Recommendations of the committee will be presented to the general assembly of the TIESB for action.

Chartering Authority

The Industrial Brigade Voluntary Certification Committee is a committee within the Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board. The TIESB was formed by the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas (SFFMA) where the training needs of Texas industry in emergency response and loss prevention are assessed and recommended through a group of representatives of the state's industries.

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Extent of Authority

The Committee may make recommendations relevant to training needs of its members. Being a voluntary certification program, it will be up to the discretion of its member companies on how they ultimately train their employees.

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