

**REVISED EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

**November 13, 2020**

EXAM TITLE: Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist)  
EXAM CODE: 0FS22  
EXAM BASE: OPEN  
DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION  
FINAL FILING DATE: **December 2, 2020**

The bulletin announcing the above examination has been amended as follows:

\*The final filing date has been extended to **December 2, 2020**. Applications postmarked after December 02, 2020 will **NOT** be considered for this examination.

***Dates printed on Mobile Bar Codes, such as the Quick Response (QR) Codes available at the USPS, are not considered Postmark dates for the purpose of determining timely filing of an application.***



## DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL III (SPECIALIST)

Exam Code: 0FS22

**DEPARTMENT(S):** Department of Forestry & Fire Protection  
**OPENING DATE:** OCTOBER 19, 2020  
**FINAL FILING DATE:** **December 2, 2020**  
**EXAM TYPE:** OPEN  
**SALARY:** \$7,510 - \$9,688  
**LOCATIONS:** Statewide

### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT & DRUG FREE STATEMENTS

The State of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right to family care and medical leave, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, medical condition, military or veteran status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religious creed, sex (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and related medical conditions), and sexual orientation.

It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free state work place. Any applicant for State employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective, because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the state, the rules governing civil service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

### WHO CAN APPLY

Persons who meet the minimum qualifications of the classification, as stated on this examination bulletin. All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements by the final filing date of **December 2, 2020** unless otherwise noted on the class specification.

### SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box on the application and you **MUST** submit the [Accommodation Request Form](#)

[\(STD. 679\)](#) with your application. This can also be found on the California Department of Human Resources website.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for this examination, please complete and return the following:

- [Examination/Employment Application \(STD.678\)](#). This can also be found on the California Department of Human Resources' website. *You may submit your application by mail or in person.*

### **SUBMIT BY MAIL OR IN PERSON:**

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
710 Riverpoint Court  
West Sacramento, CA 95605  
Examination Unit – (Attn: Diana Valenciano)

### **DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS VIA E-mail**

Applications postmarked or personally delivered after the final filing date, **December 2, 2020** will not be accepted for any reason.

All applications/resumes must include "from" and "to" employment dates (month/day/year), time base, and applicable civil service class titles. Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected.

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## EXAMINATION INFORMATION

To obtain a position on the eligible list, applicants must receive a minimum rating of 70% on the examination. *This exam will consist of the following:*

### **STRUCTURED INTERVIEW (QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL PANEL) WEIGHTED AT 100%**

In this type of exam candidates will be asked pre-determined, job-related questions by a two or three-person panel and rated against pre-determined benchmarks. *Candidates will be provided with scratch paper and a pencil.*

It is anticipated exams/interviews will be held in **January/February, 2021.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** All exam questions are based on the Knowledge, Skills and Abilities listed in this bulletin and the [Deputy State Fire Marshal III \(Specialist\)](#) classification specification which is located on the CalHR website. Use this information when

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preparing for this exam and retain this bulletin for your reference.

**CANDIDATES WHO DO NOT APPEAR FOR THE STRUCTURED INTERVIEW (QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL PANEL) EXAMINATION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

### **EITHER I**

Two years of experience performing the duties of a Deputy State Fire Marshal, Range B, in the California State Service.

### **OR II**

**EXPERIENCE:** Five years of experience in any one or a combination of the following:

1. In fire prevention work in a public fire prevention bureau, unit or agency; **or**
2. In fire prevention or industrial safety engineering in private industry; **or**
3. In building inspection work in a public bureau, unit or agency.

(College training may be substituted for the experience on the basis of two years of college being equivalent to one year of experience.)

### **AND**

**EDUCATION:** Equivalent to graduation for high school. (Additional qualifying experience may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.)

## **ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

Tact and keenness of observation.

## **ELIGIBLE INFORMATION**

A Departmental eligible list will be established for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This list will be abolished 12 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION**

Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination AND the notice to appear showing the scheduled date and time of the exam.

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Under general direction to administer the laws and regulations of the State Fire Marshal and to be a staff specialist responsible for a specialized fire prevention function; and do other related work. Positions in this classification are not supervisory; however, individuals in this class may function in a lead worker capacity.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

### ***Knowledge of:***

1. Potential work hazards encountered during the performance of their duties (e.g., construction zoned, special events, fireworks display, fire line, site visits) and the selection of appropriate Personal Protective Equipment for personal and public safety.
2. Proper grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure to ensure that written materials are complete, concise, and error-free for effective performance and communication.
3. Inspection methods performed by the State Fire Marshal to ensure code compliance.
4. Building occupancy classifications (e.g., prisons, high rises, hospitals) to understand the emergency response capability for panic, fire prevention engineering, education, and enforcement issues.
5. Occupational hazards and appropriate safety precautions involved in construction, fire investigations, rescue and evacuation procedures, site inspections, and basic emergency medical operations to ensure public safety.
6. Fire prevention and protection principles related to building construction and maintenance to meet code compliance.
7. Fire behavior, building construction, products, safety issues, and regulation development to ensure code compliance.
8. Fundamentals of fire prevention engineering, education, and enforcement to provide technical expertise to industry specialists (e.g., architects, engineers, contractors, stakeholders) regarding application of codes to ensure compliance with regulations.

9. The Office of the State Fire Marshal mission and strategies to protect life and property through the application of fire prevention engineering, education, and enforcement.
10. All elements of public fireworks display (e.g., product knowledge, safety procedures, fall out zone) for enforcement.
11. Fire behavior to evaluate building construction, products, and safety issues to ensure code compliance.
12. Industry standards of fire protection systems for fire prevention and suppression.
13. Building industry practices to read and understand construction documents.
14. Federal and State and anti-discrimination laws to ensure compliance with the Equal Employment Office on lawful employment practices.
15. Nationally recognized standards, associations, regulations, and laws relating to the certification, licensing, and maintenance of products, fire protection systems, and equipment to develop regulations and ensure compliance.
16. Nationally recognized standards, regulations, accredited bodies, and/or laws relating to the application of fire prevention engineering, education, and enforcement to develop regulations and ensure compliance.
17. Department policies and procedures on communication (e.g., media, social media, public relation requests) to ensure compliance.
18. Department's safety procedures and programs (e.g., Injury and Illness Prevention Program, Violence in the Workplace, Workers; Compensation Program) to achieve workplace safety.
19. Various types of records and documents (e.g., inspection notices, curriculum, building inventories, official decisions, licenses, certifications) to understand required documentation and the statutory requirements for a records retention program.
20. Education, engineering, technical terminology, and principles for proper application to the job.
21. Modern fire protection principles and practices to evaluate alternative means, materials, and methods requests (e.g., building construction, fire equipment products, training) to ensure compliance and public safety standards.
22. Requirements for submitting applications (e.g., plan review, licenses, code interpretations, accredited academies) to ensure compliance with laws and regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal.
23. Applicable codes, standards, Department policies and procedures, and jurisdictional requirements for managing and resolving complaints for investigations and inspections.
24. Publications, listing guides, codes and standards, and technical references for an effective job performance.
25. Fire behavior to determine origin and cause.
26. Peace Officer responsibilities (e.g., warrants, citations) to ensure public safety.

27. Other Government agencies (e.g., Office of Emergency Services, Division of State Architect, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development) and private organizations [e.g., National Fire Protection Association, UL (Underwriters Laboratory), Factory Mutual] responsible for codes, standards, and regulations related to fire prevention engineering, education, and enforcement.
28. Incident Command System to apply to hazard risks that involve incidents (e.g., fire, floods, hazardous material) for the protection of life and property.
29. Permit, licenses, certification issuance, suspension and revocation requirements using applicable codes and standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal to ensure compliance.
30. Approved testing laboratories that conduct tests and examinations on equipment (e.g., fire alarm devices, construction materials, fire sprinkler systems) to understand the need for accuracy and laboratory dependability.

***Skill to:***

1. Effectively communicate both verbally and written in English.
2. Operate all information technology devices (e.g., smartphones, computers, laptops) for correspondence, effective job performance, and communication.
3. Operate computers and software programs effectively (e.g., e-mail, spreadsheets, presentations) to provide accurate reports and information exchange with Department employees and other public/private entities.
4. Proper grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure to ensure that written materials are complete, concise, and error-free for effective performance and communication.  
Plan, organize, and prioritize tasks to ensure efficient completion of assignments.
5. Read and interpret various sources of information (e.g., maps, street signs, reference manuals, training materials, issuance reports, correspondence) for successful job performance.
6. Work effectively on a team to complete tasks, event/incident planning, problem solving, and decision making.
7. Gather, compile, and apply information and data from various sources for research, decision making, and developing action plans, for inclusion in written and oral reports, communication, and completion of assignments.
8. Multi-task and meet deadlines.
9. Inspect, investigate, and document projects or incidents to determine compliance with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, and Department policies and procedures.
10. Tactfully and diplomatically arbitrate conflicts between opposing viewpoints to accomplish program goals.
11. Manage and respond to sensitive and/or high profile issues to achieve Department goals and objectives.
12. Develop and deliver effective oral and written presentations for information exchange and education of employees, management, and others.
13. Don and doff Personal Protective Equipment and safety equipment.

14. Operate specialized equipment (e.g., mechanical/architectural scales, Global Positioning System, cameras, decibel meter, communication equipment) for conducting inspections, investigations, and other field work in a safe and effective manner.
15. Operate emergency warning equipment on vehicles.
16. Speak publicly.
17. Operate a variety of Department vehicles (e.g., all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, four-wheel drive) in a variety of weather and road conditions to ensure compliance with Department policies and procedures.
18. Keep staff motivated to accomplish program goals.

**Ability to:**

1. Maintain professional demeanor to represent the Department in a positive manner.
2. Work independently with minimal supervision for successful job performance.
3. Manage workload and time to prioritize assignments for a successful job performance.
4. Effectively comply with the Department's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.
5. Recognize hazardous situations and conditions (e.g., illegal activities, animals, unsafe surroundings, prison activity) to avoid personal injury.
6. Work and adapt to a changing work environment.
7. Read and write English to effectively exchange information and accomplish daily tasks.
8. Conduct inspections in facilities for code compliance.
9. Comprehend and verbally communicate in English to exchange ideas and accomplish daily tasks.
10. Use computer software programs (e.g., record and learning management system, e-mail, spreadsheet) to produce reports and effectively carry out daily assignments requiring communication.
11. Write technical reports to ensure proper documentation of information (e.g., investigation reports, correction notices) and summarize findings for an effective job performance.
12. Follow oral and written directions for an effective job performance.
13. Make decisions under extreme situations (e.g., deadlines, dangerous surroundings).
14. Analyze situations and reason logically to determine an effective course of action for fire prevention engineering, education, and enforcement.
15. Read construction plans and identify symbols related to construction (e.g., electrical, mechanical, plumbing) to ensure code compliance and an effective job performance.
16. Interpret codes and standards for successful job performance.
17. Identify acceptable construction methods, alternative methods, and materials related to fire safety to correct potential problems to maintain code compliance.
18. Prepare accurate, concise, and well-written reports and correspondence for an effective job performance.



19. Work in challenging situations on the job (e.g., crawl spaces, elevators, extreme heat) using safety protocol and Personal Protective Equipment.
20. Think spatially to visualize the completed process (e.g., building plan to building completion) to apply codes for fire prevention engineering, education, and enforcement standards.
21. Travel long distances in emergency and non-emergency circumstances to accomplish the responsibilities of the Department.
22. Document sensitive materials (e.g., litigation, appeals, correspondence) to create a record of events.
23. Perform mathematical calculations (e.g., addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) to ensure correct calculations (e.g., egress requirements, building occupancy loads) to meet code requirements.
24. Train staff, industry, stakeholders, and other Government agencies personnel on fire prevention engineering, education, and enforcement issues to ensure Statewide consistency.
25. Deal with issues of a sensitive nature (e.g., trade secrets, proprietary equipment, patents, investigations) to maintain confidentiality matters.
26. Evaluate and resolve complaints (e.g., hazards, safety issues, building code violations) through use of the appropriate legal and administrative procedures.
27. Mentor staff for workforce succession planning.
28. Conduct investigations to determine origin and cause of fire related issues.
29. Evaluate other regulatory agencies' regulations to negotiate and resolve conflicts regarding code development and enforcement for fire prevention engineering, education, and enforcement.
30. Make oral presentations to educate and inform stakeholders on fire prevention engineering, education, and enforcement.
31. Facilitate meetings (e.g., committee, task groups, fire prevention) to achieve the goals of the Department and disseminate information to stakeholders.
32. Ability to maintain a positive relationship with media groups to represent the Department.

## **VETERANS' PREFERENCE**

Veterans' Preference will be granted for this examination, pursuant to Government Code section 18973.1, effective January 1, 2014 as follows: 1) Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an entrance examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for Veterans' Preference. 2) An entrance examination is defined, under the law, as any open competitive examination. And 3) Veterans' Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status. Veteran status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Directions to apply for Veterans' Preference are on the Veterans' Preference Application (Std. Form 1093), which is available at [CAL HR Veterans Information](#), and the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#).

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS - FOR PEACE OFFICER POSITIONS ONLY**  
**FELONY DISQUALIFICATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 1029, persons convicted of a felony are disqualified from employment as peace officers except as provided under Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 2, Chapter 3, Article 8, Section 1179 (b), or Division 2.5, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1722 (b). Except as provided for by these statutes, persons convicted of a felony are not eligible to compete for, or be appointed to, positions in this class. This felony disqualification applies only to those positions designated as peace officers.

**BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION INFORMATION**

Candidates selected for an appointment will be required to complete a Background Certification Statement regarding criminal convictions.

A criminal conviction may preclude a candidate from employment; however, appointment commitments will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

**CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 1031 (a), in order to be a peace officer, a person must be either a U.S. citizen or be a permanent resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for U.S. citizenship. Any permanent resident alien who is employed as a peace officer shall be disqualified from holding that position if his/her application for citizenship is denied.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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(916) 894-9580  
CALFIREexams@fire.ca.gov

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Equipped with a TDD Device  
1 (800) 735-2929 (TT/TDD) 1 (800) 735-2922 (Voice)  
STS is Speech-to-Speech Service for persons with a speech disability and is  
reachable at  
1 (800) 854-7784 (California) or 1 (800) 947-8642 (Nationwide)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**For all examinations (with or without a written feature),** it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, (916) 894-9850, three weeks after the cut-off/final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notification or notice to appear.

**If a candidate's notice** of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her three days prior to their scheduled appointment due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

**Examination Locations:** When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. However, locations of interviews or performance evaluations may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

**Applications are available online** at CalHR, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the testing Department on this job bulletin.

**If you meet the requirements** stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

**The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection** reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service, if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the classification. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) Departmental promotional, 3) multi-Departmental promotional, 4) service-wide promotional, 5) Departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

**If High School Equivalence is Required:** Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Educational Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

**Confidentiality and Security:** Pursuant to Government Code Sections 19680(c) and 19681(b) it is unlawful to copy and/or furnish confidential examination material for the purpose of either improving or injuring the chances of any person or to obtain examination questions or other examination material before, during, or after an examination. Every person violating these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor, and adverse action will be pursued. This may result in the person being barred from competition in future examinations, withheld from certification lists, or cancellation of eligibility for employment in State civil service.

**Felony Disqualification:** You are disqualified from being employed as a peace officer if: 1) you have been convicted of a felony in California or any other State; 2) you have been convicted of any offense in any other State which would have been a felony if committed in California; 3) you have been charged with a felony and adjudged by a superior court to be mentally incompetent; 4) you have been adjudged addicted or in danger of becoming addicted to narcotics, convicted, and committed to a State institution. If you have been convicted of a felony, you may be allowed to participate in this examination if your conviction(s): 1) has/have been sealed under Penal Code Section 851.7, 851.8, 1203.45, or Health and Safety Code Section 11361.5; 2) has/have been expunged or is/are expugnable pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11361.5 regarding marijuana offenses; 3) was/were stipulated or designated to be a lesser included offense of marijuana possession under Health and Safety Code Section 11557 or 11366.