

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2026)

Department Name:	Public Safety	Date:	7/15/2026	Total Rule Count:	2
IAC #:	661	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	53	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	100B.4
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The intended benefit of this rule is to outline the role of the Fire Service Training Bureau (FSTB) within the State Fire Marshal division. By statute, the FSTB is designated to be the State Fire Academy in Iowa. This rule provides for the responsibilities of the FSTB, which include instructing the general public and fire protection personnel throughout the state, providing service to public and private fire departments in the state, conducting research in the methods of maintaining and improving fire and other emergency services education consistent with the needs of Iowa communities, and performing any other functions assigned to the bureau by the state fire marshal in consultation with the state fire service and emergency response council. This rule also provides fees for various courses and programs.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. In FY25, the FSTB spent 128,719 hours training firefighters and offered 2,969 exams to individuals pursuing certification from the state. Additionally, the FSTB coordinates 1,000+ training programs to students around the state, consisting of a blend of both basic and advanced specialty programs. The FSTB also provides several educational and training opportunities to Iowa's fire service through mobile training adjunct deployments to local fire departments across the state.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

Any individual wishing to take a course or attend training is required to pay the following fees:

- a. The fee for live fire/live fire instructor-in-charge course is \$750.
- b. The fee for annual fire school is \$50 per day.
- c. The fee for fire investigation course is \$750.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

There is no cost to the Department or any other agency to implement or enforce this rule.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. Ensuring Iowa's fire and emergency services personnel receive quality education, training, and certification contributes to the reduction of injuries, fatalities, and property loss from fire and other hazards, further enhancing public safety in Iowa.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

No. The Department has determined this to be the least restrictive method to achieve the intended benefit of the rule.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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53.2(1) contained outdated language
53.2(2) contained outdated language
53.2(3) contained outdated language
53.2(4) contained outdated language

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

53.2(2)
53.2(3)
53.2(4)

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

CHAPTER 53
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU

661—53.1(100B) Fire service training bureau. There is established within the state fire marshal division a fire service training bureau, with responsibility for instructing the general public and fire protection personnel throughout the state, providing service to public and private fire departments in the state, conducting research in the methods of maintaining and improving fire and other emergency services education consistent with the needs of Iowa communities, and performing any other functions assigned to the bureau by the state fire marshal in consultation with the state fire service and emergency response council.

661—53.2(100B) Programs, services, and fees.

53.2(1) Courses, conferences, and registration fees. Current course offerings, conferences, and associated registration and other fees of the fire service training bureau are available in electronic format via the fire service training bureau web page. Current fees include:

- d. The fee for live fire/live fire instructor-in-charge course is \$750.
- e. The fee for annual fire school is \$50 per day.
- f. The fee for fire investigation course is \$750.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 100B.6.

***For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.**

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	3
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	398
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	8

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

No.