

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

A. Initial Certification Award

1. When a candidate completes the initial certification levels of Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations, they will receive the “new style” black & red “Nationally Certified” shoulder patch along with a rocker patch corresponding to each level of certification.

B. Subsequent Certification Awards

1. When a candidate completes any of the following certification levels (Fire Fighter I or II, Driver/Operator - Pumper or Aerial, Fire & Emergency Services Instructor I or II, Fire Officer I or II, Fire Inspector I, or Fire Investigator), they will only receive the corresponding rocker.

Exception: In the case of the Fire Inspector I or Fire Investigator certifications, if they are the candidate’s initial certification, then they will also receive the “Nationally Certified” shoulder patch along with the corresponding rocker.

C. Purchase of Additional Patches

1. If a firefighter desires additional quantities of the “new style” black & red patches, they must contact the FSTB Certification Unit and make a formal request via email with the levels of certification and individual quantities requested.

2. The Certification Staff will process the request by verifying the firefighter’s record in the Certification-Permanent database.

- a. If the firefighter is certified to the requested level, the request will be granted and processed.
- b. If the firefighter is NOT certified to the requested level, the request will be denied and a response email will be sent notifying the firefighter that they are not certified to the requested level and are ineligible to receive the patches.

3. The cost for both style patches are as follows:

- “Nationally Certified” shoulder patch - \$6.00 each
- Certification level rocker patch - \$4.00 each

4. Payment for the patch request can be in the form of check, credit card, or direct bill (invoice) to the candidate’s affiliated organization.

D. “Old Style” blue & white Certification Patches

1. If a candidate who receives the “new style” black & red patches with their certification, desires to maintain the “old style” blue & white patches; they may request a one-for-one exchange of each patch until the current inventory of that specific patch is depleted. At that time only the “new style” patches will be offered. The candidate must mail in the patches and once received, they will be exchanged.

2. The “old style” blue & white patches will also be available for purchase until current inventory of the specific patch is depleted. At that time only the “new style” patches will be available. Purchasing the “old style” blue & white patches will follow the same procedures described in section C.