

CITY OF TUCSON FIRE DEPARTMENT CERTIFIED SHOOTER CARD PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The purpose of these procedures is to clarify requirements for a Tucson Fire Department Certified Shooter Card for fireworks, pyrotechnics, and flame effects before a proximate audience.

APPLICABILITY

This procedure shall apply to anyone conducting fireworks, pyrotechnics, and flame effects before a proximate audience within the City of Tucson.

The Tucson Fire Department Certified Shooter Card is a required certification in the City of Tucson to conduct any fireworks, pyrotechnics, or flame effects. Before applying for an operational permit to conduct fireworks, pyrotechnics, or flame effects an operator must have a current Tucson Fire Department Certified Shooter Card. All applicable Federal, State and local regulations will also apply.

DEFINITIONS

Terms used are as defined in the following National Fire Protection (NFPA) Standards:

- 2018 NFPA 1123, Code for Fireworks Display,
- 2017 NFPA 1124, Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles,
- 2016 NFPA 1126 Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics before a Proximate Audience,
- 2016 NFPA 160, Standard for the Use of Flame Effects Before an Audience,
- Chapter 56 and Chapter 61 of the International Fire Code, 2006 edition with local amendments.

FEES

There is a \$99 fee for a Certified Shooter Card.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS APPLICATIONS

Application for a Certified Shooter Card shall be made in person at the Tucson Fire Prevention Center 300 S. Fire Central Pl, Tucson, AZ 85701; phone 520-791-4502. Application for a Certified Shooter Card requires a personal resume. The resume must attest to at least 2 years' experience as a shooter or assistant on at least 8 displays and include any industry training and any other experience. Adequacy of qualifications for issuing a Certified Shooter Card shall be determined by the Tucson Fire Department. The resume must also contain a minimum of three letters of reference from persons not related to the applicant. References shall be from persons certified for fireworks, pyrotechnics, or flame effects by a recognized and approved regulatory authority. References may be contacted by the Tucson Fire Department for verification.

Descriptions of work shall specify location, employer, supervisor's name, tasks performed, and type of effects used.

EXAMINATION

After review and acceptance of the resume, applicants must pass a pre-scheduled written examination with a minimum score of 80% administered by the Tucson Fire Department.

An applicant who has failed the written exam may schedule to re-take the exam as follows:

A second exam shall be scheduled no sooner than 14 days from the date of the first exam. An applicant who does not pass the exam on the second attempt shall not be allowed to re-take the exam for a minimum of six (6) months.

INTERVIEW

After successful completion of the written exam, an interview will be held. The interview panel will be composed of at least two people appointed by the Fire Marshal, with at least one being a TFD Captain. Questions will be based on the exam material, past experience, and pertinent related industry information.

QUALIFICATIONS

The applicant shall present evidence of their qualifications for the Certified Shooter Card as follows:

The applicant shall be a minimum of 21 years of age and have at least two years of experience as either a shooter or assistant on at least 8 displays with another certified operator or shooter.

INSPECTION

The Certified Shooter Card may be subject to inspection by authorized Tucson Fire Department personnel for all displays.

PROHIBITION

A Certified Shooter Card is not transferable.

DENIAL

A Certified Shooter Card shall not be issued when it is known or there is reason to believe that an applicant:

- Is under indictment;
- Was convicted in court of a felony or crime of moral turpitude within the last 7 years;
- Is a fugitive of justice;
- Is an unlawful user of, or under the influence of intoxicants, narcotics, or other dangerous drugs or controlled substances;
- Was adjudicated as a mental defective or was committed to a mental institution;
- Used false or misleading statements or misrepresentation of facts.

VALIDITY

Certified Shooter Cards are valid for five (5) years from date of issue.

SUSPENSION OF CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS CARD

The Tucson Fire Department may suspend a Certified Shooter Card at any time for cause. Suspension may result by recommendation of a fire authority in another jurisdiction.

Within 5 days of an incident, or action, the fire authority must forward a written report citing the specific reasons for the recommendation to the Tucson Fire Department Fire Prevention Section for review.

A cardholder will receive written notice of suspension by mail to the last address provided to the Tucson Fire Department. The written notice will include the reason(s) for the suspension of the Certified Shooter Card.

A notice of suspension requires the cardholder to surrender their Certified Shooter Card to the Tucson Fire Department Fire Prevention Section no later than five business days after the receipt of the written notice.

If the cardholder wishes to appeal the suspension of the Certified Shooter Card, the appeals process, as outlined in the Tucson Fire Code, shall be followed.

Failure to surrender a Certified Shooter Card within five business days shall result in the revocation of the card without the right to appeal the action.

The cardholder will be notified of the final action of the Tucson Fire Department by certified letter.

REVOCAION OF CERTIFIED SHOOTER CARD

The Tucson Fire Department may revoke a Certified Shooter Card at any time for cause. A card may be revoked if a person makes any intentional misstatement or misrepresentation, or falsifies training records or signatures on an application for a Certified Shooter Card.

Revocation of a Certified Shooter Card will prohibit any application for a new card for a period of two years from date of revocation.

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