# ATSM-2550: FIRE LIFE SAFETY TECH I SUPERVISOR

# **Cuyahoga Community College**

Viewing: ATSM-2550: Fire Life Safety Tech I Supervisor

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**Subject Code** 

ATSM - Applied Ind Tech- Sheetmetal

Course Number:

2550

Title:

Fire Life Safety Tech I Supervisor

#### **Catalog Description:**

Certification course covering the management systems of Fire Life Safety (FLS) including the principles of fire and smoke resistance and fire stages. Included is a comprehensive study of the features and components of FLS dampers and testing requirements.

## Credit Hour(s):

1

## Lecture Hour(s):

1

## Requisites

# **Prerequisite and Corequisite**

Departmental approval: admission to Sheet Metal Worker's apprenticeship program and/or a member in good standing with the sheet metal worker's union.

## **Outcomes**

#### Course Outcome(s):

I. Discuss and explain management systems of Fire Life Safety testing procedures with respect to different building construction and occupancy classifications, and interpretations of codes and standards.

## **Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:**

Critical/Creative Thinking: Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to consider problems/ideas and transform them in innovative or imaginative ways.

#### Objective(s):

- 1. List and define the terms related to Fire Life Safety.
- 2. Differentiate between smoke control and smoke management.
- Explain the importance of effective communication between the parties involved in the functional testing of Fire Life Safety components.
- 4. Identify the test procedures for Fire Life Safety including the master list, system coordination, and record keeping.
- 5. Discuss the principles of fire and smoke resistance including stages of a fire, fire and smoke barriers, and penetrations.
- 6. Identify the applicable codes and standards with respect to Fire Life Safety and describe methods used to maintain or upgrade management systems.

#### Course Outcome(s):

II. Discuss the features and components of various Fire Life Safety (FLS) dampers and describe the procedures and frequency of cycle and certification testing.

## **Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:**

Critical/Creative Thinking: Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to consider problems/ideas and transform them in innovative or imaginative ways.

## Objective(s):

- 1. List and describe the different types of FLS dampers.
- 2. List and explain the FLS standards required for all damper installations.
- 3. Describe the importance of maintaining the clear space envelope for FLS dampers equipped with actuators.
- 4. Explain how the orientation of the FLS damper affects the operation of the entire FLS system.
- 5. Differentiate between cycle and certification testing.
- 6. Apply technical writing procedures in reports of test data to respective test sponsors.

## Methods of Evaluation:

- 1. Quizzes
- 2. Tests
- 3. Class participation
- 4. Apply the industrial codes in practical applications.

#### Course Content Outline:

- 1. Fire Life Safety Testing
  - a. Terms
    - i. Smoke control systems
    - ii. Smoke management
    - iii. ATRIA
    - iv. Dedicated
    - v. Non-dedicated
    - vi. Fire alarm systems
    - vii. Building management systems
    - viii. Compartmentation
    - ix. Compensated systems
    - x. Pressurization
    - xi. Smoke compartment
    - xii. Penetrations
    - xiii. Plug holing
    - xiv. Smoke layers
  - b. Smoke control vs. smoke management
    - i. Smoke control
      - 1. Compartmented smoke
      - 2. Pressurization
        - a. Stairway
        - b. Shaft
        - c. Smoke zones
        - d. Floor
        - e. Barrier
        - f. Non dedicated system
    - ii. Smoke management
      - 1. Exhaust systems
      - 2. Fan testing
      - 3. Plug holing
      - 4. Dedicated systems
  - c. Communication
    - i. Concise
    - ii. Technical content
    - iii. Verbal
    - iv. Written report
    - v. Documentation
    - vi. Parties

- 1. Test sponsors
- 2. Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)
- 3. Owners
- 4. Engineers
- 5. Manufacturer
- d. Test procedures
  - i. Master list
    - 1. Damper location
    - 2. Ratings
    - 3. Hourly classifications
    - 4. Identification numbers
  - ii. Written
    - 1. Systems
    - 2. Sub system
    - 3. Functionality
  - iii. Approval
    - 1. AHJ
    - 2. Established
    - 3. Written procedure
- e. Fire and smoke resistance
  - i. Fire stage
    - 1. Growth
    - 2. Fully developed
    - 3. Decay
    - 4. Flash over
  - ii. Barriers
    - 1. Fire
    - 2. Partition
    - 3. Wall
    - 4. Smoke
    - 5. Smoke partitions
- f. Codes and standards
  - i. Codes
    - 1. Legacy
      - a. Building official code
      - b. International code of building officials
      - c. Southern Building Code Congress
      - d. International building codes
    - 2. Mechanical
    - 3. Fire Life Safety Code
  - ii. Standards
    - 1. Underwriter Laboratories (UL)
    - 2. Air Movement and Control Association
    - 3. American Standard of Testing Materials
    - 4. American Society of Heating and Air Conditioning Engineers
    - 5. International Code Council
    - 6. American National Standards Institute
    - 7. Sheet Metal Air Conditioning National Association
- 2. FLS: Features and Testing
  - a. Damper types
    - i. Fire
      - 1. Fusible link
      - 2. Spring
      - 3. Locking quadrants
      - 4. Curtains
      - 5. Rigid connections
      - 6. Break away connections
    - ii. Smoke

- 1. Actuators
- 2. Multiple blade
- 3. Smoke detectors
- 4. Locking quadrants
- 5. Duct connections
- iii. Ceiling radiation
  - 1. Types
    - a. Butterfly
    - b. Rectangular
    - c. Fabric curtain
    - d. Rigid/breakaway
  - 2. Thermal blanket
  - 3. Duct connection
    - a. Rigid
    - b. Break away
- iv. Combination
  - 1. Wall rating
  - 2. Versatile
- b. Manufacturer standards
  - i. Orientation
    - 1. Vertical
    - 2. Horizontal
    - 3. Combination
    - 4. Out of wall
  - ii. Dynamic closure
    - 1. Actuator
    - 2. Locking quadrant
    - 3. Fusible link
  - iii. Hourly fire resistance rating
    - 1. One and one half
    - 2. Three hour
  - iv. Operability
    - 1. Actuator
    - 2. Pneumatic
    - 3. Electric
    - 4. Electro-pneumatic
- c. Space envelope
  - i. Maintenance
  - ii. Accessibility
  - iii. Clear space
- d. Orientation
  - i. Labelling
  - ii. Operational failure
- e. Cycle versus certification testing i. Cycle
  - i. Cycle
    - Visual
    - 2. Component
    - 3. Frequency
  - ii. Certification
    - 1. Hospitals: six year
    - 2. Business/commercial establishments: four years
    - 3. Code required
- f. Recordkeeping
  - i. Technical language
  - ii. Short report writing
  - iii. Supervisor generated
  - iv. Test sponsor

# **Resources**

National Energy Management Institute,. HVAC Fire Life Safety Level One, Supervisor. current edition. National Energy Management Institute: Fairfax, VA, 2005.

National Fire Protection Association. NFPA 101 Life Safety Code . 2018 edition. National Fire Protection Association: Quincy, MA. , 2018.

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#### **Resources Other**

Additional Resource www.ruskin.com (http://www.ruskin.com) www.greenheck.com (http://www.greenheck.com)

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