



From Jim Newton, Fire Alarm Instructor FAQ's for Fire Alarm Training

I have been working with Fire Alarm systems for years. Do I need training to pass the NICET exam?

The NICET exam tests your ability to quickly find an answer that may be buried in the Annex material of the code. Often, customers with a lot of knowledge in Fire Alarm systems will answer a question based on their years of working with the local AHJ rules. The actual code requirement may differ and this is where our training material will help, experienced and inexperienced students will benefit.

Why should I choose Fire Tech Productions over other training programs?

Fire Tech Productions, Inc. has a different approach to training. Some companies focus on the understanding of the theory of Fire Alarm systems and others use books with possible questions that may be on a NICET exam.

Our approach is to provide the fundamental knowledge and understanding of Fire Alarm systems and then focus on NFPA codes and how to find answers in the code. The critical factor in passing the NICET exam is how quickly you can find the correct answer in the codes.

We also know that people learn in different ways. Some retain more information by reading, some by listening and some by practicing sample questions. Fire Tech Productions, Inc. offers various combinations of learning methods for the best retention of the material.

You need to make sure the training you are purchasing is for the NICET exam you will be taking. Some training providers have not updated or modified their material to reflect the new CBT exam. The old element based exams and the new CBT exams are very different tests. Fire Tech Productions provides different methods of training because there are unique ways to study for each test.

Fire Tech Productions provides two different training programs for the work element and CBT based tests. Our Fire Alarm developer and instructor has taken the CBT exams and understands your need to prepare for the exam.

Some of the NICET seminar and webinar training programs are a total of 16 hours for Level I & II and Fire Tech Productions, Inc. is 8 hours for both. Would 16 hours of training be better?

For the new Fire Alarm exam, we started out with a 16 hour seminar and have done courses as long as 24 hours. However, our experience and feedback from our customers has shown the shorter program is more effective. Our material is presented by emphasizing the highlights and providing detailed study material when required. Normally there are areas that the students know well and others areas that need more time. Most people are limited on time to spend on training. We can customize any training to provide more detail if requested.

I think I want to purchase Fire Tech Productions, Inc. training. What Package should I choose online or webinar?

It really depends on your needs. For example, the webinar NICET I is four hours broken up into two, 2 hour sessions. The instructor focuses on the more important sections of our 160+ slides, questions, answers and explanations.

All of our training is supported regardless of the program that you purchase. Our instructors are available to answer your questions via email or over the phone, normally within a 24 hour period.

Do you offer on-site customized training?

Yes. We offer competitive pricing for on-site customized training. Many companies who have multiple employees who need trained opt for customized training. However, we have found the webinar format is very effective. On-site seminar training requires a large amount of information to be covered in one or two days. With the webinar series the same information can be covered and spread out over several weeks to help with retention. This allows information to be reviewed and questions asked during the following session.

Our job is to ensure that each student gets all of the information that is needed to pass the exam the first time testing.