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Memorandum

DATE: December 17, 2020

TO: Michigan's Fire Service

CC: Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council

FROM: Kevin J. Sehlmeyer, State Fire Marshal/Director

SUBJECT: Firefighter Behavioral and Mental Health Courses

In the past few years, all unencumbered Fireworks Safety Fees (any funds not allocated to a specific course) and encumbered funds for courses that were cancelled after January 1, have been redistributed by the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council (MFFTC) at the February meeting in the form of training and equipment grants to regions or fire departments. On December 4, 2020, the MFFTC held a special meeting/work session in the morning and discussed what would be done with the FY21 Fireworks Safety Fees that were returned on January 1, 2021.

Later that afternoon during the regular MFFTC meeting, the council made a motion to use all unencumbered/returned funds specifically for firefighter mental and behavioral health courses and to divide the state into 27 designated districts to distribute said funds (see map provided). Motion **20-12-06** reads:

> "*Motion to approve returned Fireworks funds to be distributed to a designated county training chairperson in the amount of $1,000, for a total of $27,000 to the council designated 27 districts for mental and behavioral health courses.*"

When $27,000 of unencumbered/returned Fireworks Safety Fees becomes available, the Bureau of Fire Services will provide each county training chairperson's designated fiduciary funding of $1,000 specifically for MFFTC approved mental or behavioral health courses. When the training funds are distributed, an announcement will be shared on GovDelivery. To sign up for GovDelivery announcements from the Bureau of Fire Services, click here.

Below are the current MFFTC approved mental and behavior health courses:

- G04A NFFF Stress First Aid
- GO4T NFFF Stress First Aid Train the Trainer
- Q61A Emotional Wellness & Career Survival
- Q61B NFFF Health and Safety Summit
- Q61C IAFF Peer Support / Mental Wellness

- Q61H Preventing Fire Fighter & First Responder Suicide Summit
- Q61J HAYO (Hey Are You OK)
- Q61K Leadership and Resiliency
- Q61 L CISM-Group Crisis and Individual Peer Support

Any additional training or courses must be submitted on a "Q" Course Application (Form BFS-201) to LARA-BFS-SMOKE@michigan.gov, two weeks prior to the next scheduled MFFTC meeting for consideration. If adopted by a motion at a MFFTC meeting the new "Q" Course will be added to the mental and behavior health approved course list.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Attachment: Mental and Behavioral Health Regional Map

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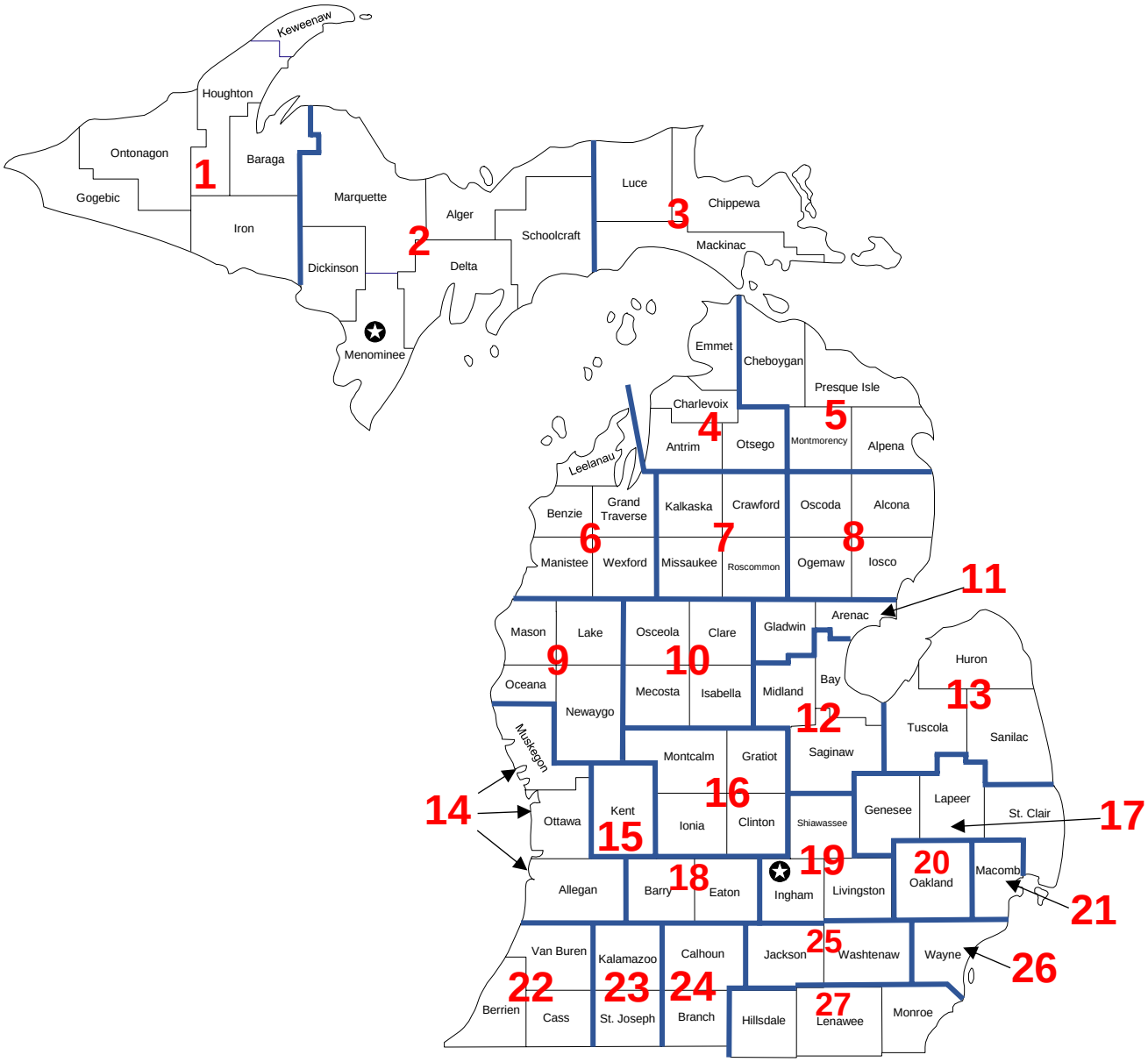
MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MAP



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