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Memorandum

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TO: County Training Committee Chairpersons
Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council

CC: Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator
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FROM: Kevin J. Sehmeyer, State Fire Marshal/Director

SUBJECT: Community Risk Reduction Task Force Firefighter Challenge

We have recently seen a dramatic increase in the number of injuries and fire fatalities in Michigan involving our senior population (adults over the age of 60). One of the major goals of the Michigan Community Risk Reduction Task Force (MCRRTF) is to reduce the number of injuries and fatal fires statewide. As firefighters, we all have loved ones, parents, grandparents and friends, and I encourage you to help spread the message to our senior population about fire safety. One way to be involved is to talk to your loved ones about fire safety, and assist them with doing in-house checks of items such as:

- Smoke detectors
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Fire extinguishers
- Practicing electrical safety
- Heating our homes safely
- Paying attention to your cooking
- Keeping smoking materials away from children
- Knowing what to do in case of a fire

Another way to participate in fire safety is to join the "Smoke Alarm – Push the Button Challenge" on Facebook. Members of the MCRRTF and myself have posted short challenge videos with their family members to get the message out on checking smoke alarms for adults over the age of 60.

With the upcoming family holidays (Mother's Day and Father's Day), the Bureau of Fire Services and the MCRRTF challenge you as firefighters to be involved and take an active

role in the safety of your loved ones, parents, grandparents and friends. We have over 30,000 fire fighters in the state of Michigan that can make a difference in the reduction of fire related injuries and death. I ask that you please take the time to share this memo with your organizations and the fire departments in your counties and challenge each other in this important message. Together, we can help make a difference and set an example for Michiganders to follow.