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Memorandum

DATE: August 19, 2019

TO: County Training Committees, Fire Service Instructors

CC: Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council

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

SUBJECT: Firefighter Curriculum and Examinations

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with updates regarding firefighter curriculum and examinations.

Updated Curriculum:

The NFPA 1001 standard was updated to the 2019 edition. Because of this change, the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council passed a motion approving two (2) textbooks for training firefighters beginning FY20 (beginning October 1, 2019 and regional training center academies finishing after October 1, 2019) in the following courses:

Firefighter I/HazMat Operations, Firefighter II, and Firefighter I & II/HazMat Operations.

The approved publishers and textbooks are:

IFSTA - Essentials of Fire Fighting 7th Edition
(ISBN 978-0-87939-657-2)

Jones and Bartlett – Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills and Hazardous Materials Response 4th Edition
(ISBN 978-1-28415-133-6)

Fire academies beginning October 1, 2019 and regional training center academies finishing any time after October 1, 2019 will be tested to the latest NFPA standard. Please assure your academies are using the new textbooks. Also note: Each student is

required to have a copy (paper or electronic) of the textbook for use during all registered firefighter training course sessions.

Firefighter/HazMat courses are to be conducted in the traditional classroom/practical format using the new curriculum meeting the 2019 edition of NFPA 1001. Any deviation from the traditional classroom delivery model must have approval at the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council meeting before the course begins.

New Fire Fighter/HazMat Course Codes:

Please use the following course codes for Firefighter I/Hazmat Ops, Firefighter II, and Firefighter I & II/Hazmat Ops when registering courses beginning or ending after October 1, 2019.

The new codes are as follows:

Fire Fighter I/Hazmat Ops	***A23E***
Fire Fighter II	***A24E***
Fire Fighter I & II/Hazmat Ops	***A25E***

Computer-Based Written Examinations:

The Bureau of Fire Services, Fire Fighter Training Division has implemented a computer-based testing option for all certification levels. Our goal is that every certification exam will be conducted using computer-based testing whenever possible state-wide. However, students who are approved for an ADA accommodation will continue to use printed examination booklets and scantron forms administered by an approved reader at the testing site.

Each county conducting courses with a certification examination will need to identify and coordinate an exam site for the computer-based testing to be conducted. The computer-based exams are completely web-based, and the testing site will need to have internet capability as well as a standard internet web browser for each terminal used for computer-based testing. The Bureau of Fire Services will not allow the use of personal computers for certification exams due to the possibility of compromising the security of the exam by third-party software.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in FY20. If you have questions regarding computer-based testing, new curriculum or course codes, please contact your region coordinator.

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