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**DATE:** March 17, 2020

**TO:** Michigan Fire Service

**CC:** Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council

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

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Update – Training Moratorium

In accordance with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' recommendations designed to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), effective immediately we are postponing all fire service examinations conducted by the Bureau of Fire Services until after April 6, 2020. To allow staff an opportunity to review information regarding the severity and extent of the ongoing situation, rescheduling of examinations cannot be initiated until after April 6, 2020. All courses other than Fire Fighter I, II, and I & II are also suspended until after April 6, 2020 and will need to be rescheduled. ***Note:*** Course funding will not be lost if courses are rescheduled.

Further, effective immediately in person classroom portions of the Fire Fighter I, II, and I & II courses are suspended order to keep the students and instructors healthy. Instead, these classes may meet remotely (provided the lectures are done in an interactive format using a platform such as Skype, Microsoft Teams, Zoom Meeting, etc., and all students have access to the interactive format) and holding the practical portion of the course after April 6, 2020. If all students do not have access to the interactive format, the class must be suspended until it is determined the threat of the COVID-19 is reduced.

The state is taking proactive steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Michigan. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in reducing the coronavirus risk to Michigan residents.

For current and up-to-date information regarding the Coronavirus visit http://www.Michigan.gov/Coronavirus or http://www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

For further questions please contact your region coordinator.

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