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Memorandum

DATE: April 13, 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 Extended

In accordance with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' recommendations designed to help slow the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), to align with Executive Directive 2020-42 we are postponing all fire service examinations conducted by the Bureau of Fire Services (BFS) until after April 30, 2020. To allow BFS staff an opportunity to review information regarding the severity and extent of the ongoing situation, rescheduling of examinations cannot be initiated until after April 30, 2020. All courses other than Fire Fighter I, II, and I & II are also suspended until after April 30, 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 in 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 30, 2020. If all Fire Fighter I, II, and I & II 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.

Click here to view the Executive Orders. 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 regarding training, please contact your region coordinator.

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