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MEMORANDUM

To: Heads of Fire Department

From: Stephen D. Coan
State Fire Marshal

Date: February 1, 2015

RE: **Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award Nominations**

The Massachusetts Fire Service Commission and the Department of Fire Services would like to thank the Fire Service Community for their participation in the Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award Program. This award is available to any Massachusetts firefighter who has served for any period of time totaling 20 or more years, in five year increments, i.e., (20, 25, 30, etc.). This length-of-service award is available to call, career and volunteer members of your department who meet the applicable criteria for their respective award. Enclosed please find the Firefighter Service Award Package, which includes the following:

1. Nomination form
2. Appeal for reconsideration form
3. Criteria for nomination of call, career or volunteer firefighters;
4. Order form from V.H. Blackinton & Co., Inc. for insignia **(order direct from your local dealer)**.

The nomination forms should be filled out and returned to **Shannon Clegg, c/o the Department of Fire Services (Western Mass. Office), One Prince Street, Northampton, Massachusetts 01060-0389.** Upon review and acceptance of your nomination form, a certificate in the name of the nominee will be returned to you so that you may sign and award it, along with the service pin **(ordered at your cost directly from your local Blackinton dealer)** to the nominee.

This award will be signed by the Chairman of the Fire Service Commission as well as the State Fire Marshal. It is our suggestion that the service pin be worn on the right side of the uniform,

above the pocket flap on the dress uniform shirt, and in the corresponding location on the dress blouse or uniform jacket.

In closing, we would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring the success of this very worthwhile recognition award.

If you have any general questions involving this award, please contact Shannon Clegg at (413) 587-3181 x. 200, as all forms and certificates will be processed by the Department of Fire Services.

Recipients can be viewed on our website at http://mfa.chs.state.ma.us/mfsa/search.asp