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MEMORANDUM

To: Heads of Fire Department

From: Peter J. Ostroskey
State Fire Marshal

Date: April 19, 2016

RE: **Career Recruit Rules & Regulations Policy and Program Change by
Massachusetts Fire Training Council**

On April 6, 2016, the Massachusetts Fire Training Council (“the Council”) approved the following:

1. Initiation of a 10-Week **Career Recruit Firefighter Training Program** consisting of an orientation day a minimum of six weeks prior to the start of training, an indoctrination day usually two business days before the start of training, 50 full training days with a schedule that does not normally include holidays or Saturdays, and associated changes to the Career Recruit Rules & Regulations. The 10-Week Program begins with class #247. Indoctrination day is scheduled for June 9 and with training day one set for June 13.
2. Applications for **certification exams** must now be received a minimum of 21 days prior to the certification exam and the Certification Group now has 21 days to process the results and notify the examinee. The previous window was 14 days for application and 14 days for notification. The change is necessary due to the significant increase in certification applications across all disciplines.
3. Initiation of a **Fire Instructor III** (Instructor Methodology III) course and application for associated pro-board certification.

The Career Recruit Rules & Regulations can be found on our website under the [Fire Chief's Full-time Recruit Application Package](#).

If you have any questions regarding these policy and program changes, please contact the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Director George Kramlinger at 978-567-3114.