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READING LIST ANNOUNCEMENT – PLEASE POST PROMINENTLY

TO: Fire Department Appointing Authorities, Fire Chiefs

FROM: Regina Caggiano, Director of Civil Service

DATE: October 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Reading List for Boston Fire Lieutenant Examination

BOSTON FIRE LIEUTENANT

EXAMINATION DATE – April 12, 2027

This reading list will pertain to the Human Resource Division Written Examination for Boston Fire Lieutenant administered on April 12, 2027.

Candidates are responsible for reading all the texts and other materials listed on all pages of this announcement. Please note which edition and/or date of publication is listed for each item. Only those chapters and sections listed under each text are included (unless noted otherwise). Chapters and sections listed with a dash (i.e., 2 – 14) should be read from the first listed chapter through the last listed chapter and section. All technical knowledge examination questions will be based on these materials.

Appendix F, Boston Fire Department/IAFF Local 718 Drug and Alcohol-Free Work.

Section 1
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Section 5

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Section 6
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Section 11: Exclude 11.3
Section 12

Building Construction Related to the Fire Service (5th Edition). IFSTA. (2026). Oklahoma State University. Fire Protection Publication.

Chapter 2: Exclude pg. 49 – 54 (“Fire Resistance" up to "Occupancy Classifications")
Chapter 3: Exclude pg. 71 – 75 ("Seismic Loads" up to "Structural Accommodations for Loads”)
Chapter 4: Exclude pg. 114 – 124 (“Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems” up to “Smoke Towers”)
Chapter 5: Exclude pg. 156 – 158 ("Fire Door Testing” up to “Fire Windows") and exclude pg. 162 – 165 (“Interior Finishes Tests” up to End of Chapter)
Chapter 6
Chapter 7
Chapter 8
Chapter 9
Chapter 10: Exclude pg. 259 – 268 (“Quality Control of Concrete” up to End of Chapter)
Chapter 11
Chapter 12: Exclude pg. 306 – 323 (“Emergency Use of Elevators in High-Rise Buildings” up to End of Chapter)

Note: Exclude ALL Appendices, Glossary, Canada References, “Case Study” boxes, “Information Box” boxes, “Safety Alert” boxes, “What This Means to You” boxes, “Warning” boxes, “Caution” boxes, “NOTE” sections, Metric Conversions, Tables, and Figures.

Fire and Emergency Services Company Officers (7th Edition). IFSTA. (2025). Oklahoma State University. Fire Protection Publication.

Chapter 1
Chapter 3
Chapter 5: Exclude pg. 137 – 151 ("Written Communication" up to "Communicating in Emergency Situations")
Chapter 7
Chapter 8

Note: Exclude all Appendices, Glossary, Canada References, “Information Box” boxes, “Case Study” boxes, “Safety Alert” boxes, “What This Means to You” boxes, “Review Box” boxes, “Warning” boxes, “Caution” boxes, “NOTE” sections, Metric Conversions, Skills Sheets, Tables, and Figures.
Massachusetts General Laws: Chapter 148 – Fire Prevention (as amended through the release

date of this reading list)

Section 2
Section 2A
Section 4
Section 5
Section 24
Section 26A
Section 26B
Section 26C
Section 26F 1/2
Section 26G
Section 26G 1/2
Section 26H
Section 26I
Section 27A
Section 34A

Progressive Discipline Guidelines, Boston Fire Department (Dated November 1, 2025)

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2: Exclude pg. 12-14 ("Offense: Being Intoxicated or Under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs...")
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Rules and Regulations of the Boston Fire Department (Dated June 2026)

Chapter 1
Chapter 2
Chapter 4
Chapter 11
Chapter 12
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Chapter 14
Chapter 16
Chapter 17
Appendix A

Structural Fire Fighting: Initial Response Strategy and Tactics, (3rd Edition). IFSTA. (2022). Oklahoma State University. Fire Protection Publication.

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Chapter 1
Chapter 4
Chapter 5: Exclude pg. 187 – 192 (“Incident Action Plan” up to End of Chapter)
Chapter 6: Exclude pg. 228 – 231 (“Salvage” up to “Overhaul”)

Note: Exclude ALL Appendices, Glossary, Canada References, “Case History Definitions” boxes, “Safety Alert Definitions” boxes, “Warning” boxes, “Caution” boxes, “NOTE” sections, Metric Conversions, Tables, Figures, and Information Boxes.

Standard Operating Procedures of the Boston Fire Department (as amended through the release date of this reading list):

1 (8/17/2023): Exclude 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 9.12, 9.13
1A (9/29/2023)
3 (9/12/2024)
112 (3/12/2024)
200 (8/9/2017)
201 (5/5/2014)
202 (8/7/2024)
204 (9/27/2016)
205 (2/5/2024)
205A (2/5/2024)
206 (1/12/2024)
206A (8/31/2026)
207 (10/27/2025): Exclude 9.3, 9.4, and 10
208 (5/30/2018): Exclude 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20
209 (8/17/2023): Exclude 5.1 – 5.21
213 (4/28/2014)
215 (5/30/2018)
216 (5/30/2018)
217 (1/8/2020)
218 (4/25/2024)
218A (4/25/2024)
218C (4/25/2024)
218D (4/25/2024)
231 (5/3/2014): ~~Exclude 7.13~~ Exclude 7 and 13
232 (4/22/2014)
233 (11/26/2023)
238 (4/28/2014)
242 (4/29/2014)
250 (3/2/2015)
251 (2/29/2016): Exclude 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9
259 (3/23/2018)

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260 (3/8/2017)
300 (5/4/2014): Exclude 11 and "Annex B: Mutual Aid"
307 (9/12/2024)
308 (9/12/2024)
310 (5/4/2014)
340 (4/29/2014)
400 (5/3/2014)
500 (5/4/2014)
620 (8/8/2022)

PUBLISHERS OF READING LIST TEXTS

Building Construction Related to the Fire Service (5th Edition). IFSTA. (2026). Oklahoma State University. Fire Protection Publication. Building Construction Related to the Fire Service, 5th Edition | IFSTA

Fire and Emergency Services Company Officers (7th Edition). IFSTA. (2025). Oklahoma State University. Fire Protection Publication. Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer, 7th Edition | IFSTA

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 148. Mass General Laws, Chapter 148

Structural Fire Fighting: Initial Response Strategy and Tactics (3rd Edition). IFSTA. (2022). Structural Fire Fighting, 3rd Edition | IFSTA

Please check Boston Fire Department Share Drive for Appendix F, Rules & Regulations, SOPs, and Progressive Discipline Guidelines.

Note: Check back on the Civil Service Exams webpage for ECT&E and Situational Judgement Test (SJT) Prep Guides coming soon! View the examination schedule.

Please note that the Human Resources Division does not recommend specific retailers for the purchase of reading list texts. For local vendors, contact the publishers at the telephone number or website listed. Many local retailers will be able to special-order any text not carried in stock.

Any questions regarding the reading list may be directed to Anhar Obyat at anhar.obyat@mass.gov. A copy of the reading list is posted on the Human Resources Division's Civil Service Unit website. Examination Preparation Guides and Reading Lists | Mass.gov.

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