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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 Statewide Fire Lieutenant Examination

STATEWIDE FIRE LIEUTENANT

EXAMINATION DATE – April 12, 2027

This reading list will pertain to the Human Resource Division Written Examination for Statewide 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.

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 – 74 ("Seismic Loads" up to "Soil Pressure Load”)
Chapter 4
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 11
Chapter 13

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.

Emergency Response Guidebook (2024). U.S. Department of Transportation and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Note: reference Table of Contents on pg. 3 for section headers

Hazard Classification System
Introduction to the Tables of Markings, Labels and Placards
Globally Harmonized Systems of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)
Hazard Identification Numbers Displayed on Some Intermodal Containers
Pipeline Transportation: Exclude pg. 27 (“U.S. Pipeline Resources” and “Canadian Pipeline Resources”)
ERG2024 User’s Guide
Protective Clothing
Decontamination
Fire and Spill Control
Considerations For Lithium Battery and Electric Vehicle (EV) Fires
BLEVE and Heat Induced Tear
BLEVE – Safety Precautions
Criminal or Terrorist Use of Chemical, Biological and Radiological Agents: Exclude pg. 364 - 366 (“Biological Warfare Agents” up to End of Section)

Note: Exclude ALL Charts, Figures, Tables, and phone numbers.

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

Chapter 1
Chapter 3
Chapter 4: Exclude pg. 89 – 90 (Start of Chapter up to "Expectations of New Personnel"), exclude pg. 98 – 100 ("Promotions" up to "Employee Assistance Programs (EAP)”), exclude pg. 109 –110 ("Leave Benefits" up to "Conflict Management”), and exclude pg. 113 – 122 ("Grievances" up to End of Chapter)
Chapter 5: Exclude pg. 137 – 151 ("Written Communication" up to "Communicating in Emergency Situations")

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Chapter 7
Chapter 8
Chapter 9: Exclude pg. 259 – 278 (Start of Chapter up to "Fire Protection Systems") and exclude pg. 282 – 311 ("Fire Dynamics" up to End of Chapter)
Chapter 11: Exclude pg. 381 – 394 ("Property and Environmental Conservation" up to End of Chapter)

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.

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

Chapter 1
Chapter 2: Exclude pg. 71 – 109 (Start of Chapter up to "Prefire Planning")
Chapter 4
Chapter 5
Chapter 6

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.

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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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