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Informational Memorandum 15-01

TO: Colorado Fire and Emergency Services
FROM: Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control, Training and Certification
DATE: June 18, 2015
RE: Completion of Firefighter I and HMA/HMO Testing Components

Within the criteria of the written testing process for all certifications, Section 9.2.1 of the CDFPC *Certification Policy and Procedure Manual* states, "Applicants must successfully complete all requirements within a twelve month window to obtain certification for each level. CDFPC shall ensure that all prerequisites are met in accordance with the current NFPA standard prior to issuance of certification." Section 9.2.1.1 additionally includes "For example, in order to complete the Fire Fighter I level of certification, the Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations components must be completed within one twelve (12) month window." At the recommendation of the Colorado Fire Training Officers Association and the Governor's Colorado Fire Service Training and Certification Advisory Board, these requirements will be changed within the CDFPC *Certification Policy and Procedure Manual*. The new requirement will allow Firefighter I applicants up to one year to complete each of the required certification processes (FFI Practical Exam, FFI Live-Fire Practical Exam, and FF I Written Exam). Once the candidate has completed the final testing component of the Firefighter I testing components, the candidate will have one year to complete all of the Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations Responders certification testing requirements (HMA/HMO Written Exam, HMO Practical Exam). The process to successfully complete both HMA/HMO and FFI requirements may not exceed two years.

This policy will go into effect for all written exam attempts **after July 1, 2015**. The CDFPC Policy and Procedure Manual will reflect this change as shown below:

Old Language:

9.2.1: Applicants must successfully complete all requirements within a twelve month window to obtain certification for each level. CDFPC shall ensure that all prerequisites are met in accordance with the current NFPA standard prior to issuance of certification.

9.2.1.1: For example, in order to complete the Fire Fighter I level of certification, the Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations components must be completed within one twelve (12) month window:

New Language:

9.2.1: Applicants must successfully complete all requirements within a twelve month window to obtain certification for each level. CDFPC shall ensure that all prerequisites are met in accordance with the current NFPA standard prior to issuance of certification.

9.2.1.1: For example, in order to complete the Fire Fighter I level of certification, the Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations components all must be completed. The Firefighter I components (Written, Practical and Live Burn) must be completed within one year. After completion of the last required component of the FFI Certification, the FFI candidate will have up to one (1) year to complete and gain the Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations Certification. The Hazmat Awareness/Operations components (both the Awareness and Operations parts of the written and the practical) must also be completed within one year. All of the components of the Firefighter I and Hazmat Awareness/Operations must be completed in order to gain FFI Certification. If the candidate holds the Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations Certification prior to testing any part of the required FFI components, they will have one year to complete all of the components for FFI certification.