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Informational Memorandum 19-01

TO: Colorado Fire and Emergency Services

FROM: Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control

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RE: Transition to NFPA 1072 Standard, 2017 Edition *Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications*

Effective JULY 1, 2019, we will be transitioning from NFPA 472 (Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/WMD Incidents) levels Hazardous Materials Awareness, Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations, and Hazardous Materials Technician to NFPA 1072 (Standard for Hazardous Materials/WMD Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications). This change is required by both of our accrediting agencies, International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and The Pro Board.

For candidates that are currently registered in the state Records Management System (RMS) for a written exam or a practical request, there is an allowance to continue to test to NFPA 472, including any retakes, if registered for any part of the exam prior to September 30, 2019. On September 30, 2020, all NFPA 472 certification exams will no longer be available. Upon successful completion of testing, the certificate issued will be listed and reported to the accrediting bodies as NFPA 472, 2013 Edition.

After **September 30, 2019**, no initial exam requests or practical requests under NPFA 472 will be allowed in the RMS. Initial exam requests and practical requests after September 30, 2019 will need to enroll in the applicable 1072 level: Hazardous Materials Awareness 1072, Hazardous Materials- Awareness Section 1072/Hazardous Materials- Operations Section 1072 or Hazardous Materials Technician 1072.

RENEWALS: After July 1, 2019, all Hazardous Materials Certification levels will need to complete the 1072 standard JPRs in order to meet the renewal requirements for certifications.

Significant Differences:

1. NPFA 1072 Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) have an 80% pass requirement with critical task steps.
 2. Hazardous Materials Awareness certification requires a practical exam consisting of 2 JPRs.
 3. Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations will require a practical exam consisting of 2 HMA JPRs and 7 HMO JPRs.
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