Informational Memorandum 19-02

TO: Colorado Fire and Emergency Services
FROM: Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control
DATE: July 2, 2019
RE: Standard Update for Driver Operator Series Written Test and JPRs to NFPA 1002, 2017 Version

The written test and the Job Performance Requirements for Driver Operator Tender, Driver Operator, Driver Operator Pumper, and Driver Operator Aerial have been updated to NFPA 1002, 2017 Edition for practical and written testing effective September 1, 2019.

The reference material is Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook, 3rd Ed., IFSTA that includes the required firefighter skills update.

In addition, the Driver Operator test includes the Colorado Commercial Driver License Manual, February 2018, Section 2 and 11.

In the NFPA 1002, 2017 edition, the requirement that a Driver/Operator/Pumper be certified to the Firefighter I level was removed. This was replaced by duties that the NFPA 1002 technical committee determined are needed to perform the duties required for the role and are included in the cognitive and practical skills testing.
**Significant Differences:**

1. JPR 3 Driver Operator (performed by the candidate and evaluated by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) prior to proctor arrival on test day) Updated to 3a: operate emergency apparatus, 3b: operate communications equipment, and 3c: activate emergency equipment.

2. JPR 3 Driver Operator Pumper (performed by the candidate and evaluated by the (AHJ) prior to proctor arrival on test day) Updated to 3a: apparatus emergent and non-emergent operation, 3b: firefighter apparatus safety, 3c: scene safety, 3d: water supply operation.

3. JPR 8, Diminishing Clearance Exercise DO, DOP, DOA—Revised to include backing of the vehicle.