Informational Memorandum 16-01

TO: Colorado Fire and Emergency Services
FROM: Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control, Training and Certification
DATE: March 16, 2016
RE: Updated Driver Operator Series Written Test and JPRs to NFPA 1002, 2014 Version

As part of the shift to the iPad based testing, DFPC has updated the written test and the Driver Operator, Driver Operator Pumper and Driver Operator Aerial JPRs to meet the 2014 version of NFPA 1002. There are a few changes associated with the update that we would like to highlight.

1. The Driver Operator written test has been increased from 50 to 75 questions
2. The Driver Operator Pumper written test is the same at 100 questions
3. The Driver Operator Aerial written test has been increased from 50 to 100 questions

The reference material for the test is Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook, 3rd Ed., 1st Printing, IFSTA. In addition, the Driver Operator test includes the Colorado Commercial Driver License Manual, July 2015, Section 2 and 11.

There were minimal changes to the JPRs for the three levels; however it is important to remind the proctors of a few items related to minimum spacing and vehicle size:

1. JPR 8, Diminishing Clearance Exercise - regardless of vehicle width, 8’2” is the minimum dimension to be used at the exit gate. The Proctor can increase the dimension at the exit gate for larger vehicles but in no case should it be less than 8’2”.

2. JPR 6, Serpentine Exercise - regardless of the vehicle wheel base the minimum cone spacing can be no less than 30 feet. The Proctor can increase the cone spacing for larger vehicles but in no case should it be less than 30 feet.