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### Informational Memorandum 13-03

TO: Colorado Fire and Emergency Services  
FROM: Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control  
DATE: March 11, 2013  
RE: Updated State of Colorado non-accredited Fire Officer III Bridge Process

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Within the criteria of the accrediting organizations (IFSAC and Pro Board), there is an allowance for incumbents to enter the accreditation process without starting at entry level certifications. In accordance with these criteria, in preparation for the upcoming accreditation of Fire Officer III, the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control shall offer a bridge process for those individuals who wish to obtain an accredited Fire Officer III. ***The Division of Fire Prevention and Control will start accepting applications for this accredited level on July 1, 2013. Please note this process only applies to individuals that hold a current State of Colorado non-accredited Fire Officer III certification.***

The candidate shall:

- Meet NFPA 1021 Fire Officer III general requirements of Fire Instructor II certification
  - Fire Instructor II requires:
    - Successful completion of the JPR skill packet.
    - Successful completion (80% passing score) of 100 question written examination.
  - State of Colorado non-accredited Fire Officer III incumbents who do not currently hold Fire Instructor I shall be allowed to test at Fire Instructor II, in order to meet the general requirements.
- State of Colorado non-accredited Fire Officer III incumbents:
  - Successful completion of the Fire Officer III JPR skill packet.
  - Successful completion (80% passing score) of the Fire Officer III 100 question written examination.
- Candidates will have until 12/31/2016 to complete the bridge process.

Individuals that do not wish to bridge to the accredited Fire Officer III are entitled to the following options:

- Submit a renewal requesting "Colorado Executive Fire Administrator" certification in lieu of State of Colorado non-accredited Fire Officer III.
  - Please note there will not be initial certifications at this level, this will only be offered to State of Colorado non-accredited Fire Officer III incumbents.
- Allow State of Colorado non-accredited Fire Officer III certification to expire.