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Informational Memorandum 13-06

TO: Colorado Fire and Emergency Services
FROM: Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control, Training and Certification
DATE: November 27, 2013
RE: Driver Operator Certification Requirements

Within the criteria of the certification process for the Driver Operator I certification is a prerequisite for the candidates to be currently certified as Fire Fighter I. At the recommendation of the Colorado Fire Training Officer's Association and the Governor's Colorado Fire Service Training and Certification Advisory Board, this prerequisite will no longer be required. This policy will go into effect for Driver Operator certifications and renewals issued **on or after July 1, 2014**. The CDFPC Policy and Procedure Manual will reflect this change as shown below:

9.11.1: Driver Operator Initial Certification Requirements

9.11.1.1: Meet requirements in NFPA 1002;

9.11.1.2: Must be affiliated with a Colorado Emergency Services Agency;

9.11.1.3: Pass Written Examination

- 80% of 50 question examination

9.11.1.4: Pass Practical Examination

- Mandatory and Randomly selected Job Performance Requirements (JPRs)
- 100% of practical examination

9.11.1.5: Written and practical examinations are obtained from the CDFPC.

9.11.1.6: Must possess current Colorado State Driver's License.

9.11.3: Driver Operator Renewal Requirements:

9.11.3.1: Renewal documentation shall be submitted to the CDFPC no earlier than 90 days prior to the expiration date and received/postmarked no later than 90 days after the expiration date, submitted on the Scantron™ form, including the Department Head/Designee signature.

9.11.3.2: The Department Head/Designee by signing the renewal documentation is attesting to:

9.11.3.2.1: The applicant holds a current Colorado Driver Operator certification;

9.11.3.2.2: The applicant is affiliated with a Colorado Emergency Services Agency;

9.11.3.2.3: The applicant has successfully demonstrated proficiency in all of the skill evolutions identified for the level of certification by having been observed, tested and evaluated by a person certified at or above this level completing 100% of all JPRs. The applicant must meet the performance outcome in each JPR;

9.11.3.2.4: Appropriate local records are maintained documenting completion of requirements;

9.11.3.2.5: The applicant meets or exceeds the professional qualifications listed in the NFPA 1002.

Note: The prerequisite for Fire Fighter I Certification will remain as a requirement for Driver Operator Pumper and Driver Operator Aerial.