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Mobile Live Fire Training Unit is Operational

In 2014, DFPC was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of a Mobile Live Fire Training Unit (MLFTU) to help fire departments gain experience with live fire training in areas with limited to no access to burn facilities. We are excited to announce that the MLFTU is now operational and in the initial phase of use.

The MLFTU is a 53 foot trailer that is configured to accommodate above, below and grade level fire scenarios through the use of a hydraulically operated second story. The fire is produced using propane fuel as the unit is not equipped for Class A fuels.

In addition, the MLFTU has a roof



vent prop, a forcible entry prop, and movable walls on the first floor to provide multiple set up configurations.

Departments using the MLFTU are responsible for filling the propane tanks and supplying lumber if using the roof prop. The DFPC will deliver, set up the unit and provide

a trained operator for burns.

If you are interested in using the MLFTU, please contact Lisa Pine or download the request form from our website:

Phone: 303-239-5879

Email: lisa.pine@state.co.us

Website: dfpc.state.co.us and click on "Training Opportunities"

Is This The End of Bubble Sheets?

The shift away from bubble sheets continues. Over the past few months we have made great strides in the move to the online Records Management and Testing System.

By now we hope you and/or your Training Officer have attended a

Records Management System Training and are up and running in the new system. There the Training Officer can manage rosters, request practicals, check on certifications, submit renewal, reciprocity, and reinstatement requests, and register students



for tests all without bubble sheets.

At this time we are moving forward with converting to iPad based testing. The majority of test banks are loaded and testing is underway. With the new testing system comes a learning curve. Due to the limitations on equipment, the 30 day advanced registration requirement for a test will be critical. Also critical is the accuracy of the information in the RMS system especially the email address which is used as the students' login.

This is an exciting time as we move from the age of Scantron to online records management and testing, but it may come with a few hiccups so we ask for your patience. In the end the improvements in efficiency will save your agency and DFPC a substantial amount of time and resources.

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P&P Manual Spotlight—Reciprocity

On January 1, 2016, DFPC implemented a new reciprocity process for those in possession of an IFSAC certification from another state or the DoD.

The new process allows cert for cert reciprocity if it is determined that the IFSAC certification was granted through a written and practical testing process within the last 2 NFPA standard cycles (typically the last 10 years).

If they have a ProBoard certification and it is determined that the certification was granted through a written and practical testing process within the last 2 NFPA standard cycles, then the firefighter is eligible for a **Letter of Recognition** which allows them up to 2 years to test into the State system. Through this process they are allowed to test at or one step above their current level. To initiate the reciprocity process, go

to [our website](#) and download the reciprocity letter of recognition application. Submit the application and required documentation to lisa.pine@state.co.us or have your Training Officer complete the request online in the Records Management System.



P&P Manual Spotlight—Hazmat Awareness/Operations Renewal

Renewal of Hazmat Awareness/Operations Certifications requires completion of all Awareness and all Operations JPRs

Have you ever wondered why the Hazmat Ops JPR book posted online includes both Awareness and Operations JPRs?

In 2012 the standalone Hazmat Operations certification was changed to an Awareness/Operations certification. Recently we have received a few questions regarding the renewal requirements for the

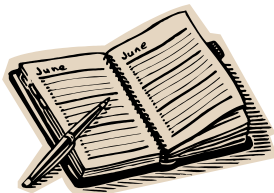
Awareness/Operations certification vs the Operations or Awareness only certifications.

If your member has the combined certification, they must complete all Awareness and Operations JPRs for renewal. Initial certification is still just based on the Operations JPRs but renewal requires both. However, if your member has just

Awareness or just Operations certifications, (i.e. they obtained certification prior to January 2013) they only need to complete that specific JPR set. The DFPC still maintains a standalone Awareness certification.



Colorado State Summer Fire School



This May DFPC is hosting the Colorado State Summer Fire School and National Fire Academy Weekend in Loveland, CO. The courses are May 21-22 unless otherwise noted. The courses still open for enrollment are:

- Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations

- Leadership III: Strategies for Fire and EMS—Strategies for Supervisory Success
- Chief Officer Training Course: Human Resources. (May 19-22).

If you are interested in

attending you can download the [registration form](#) here and submit it to Laura Renville at laura.renville@state.co.us

CFTOA Training Officer Manual and Resources

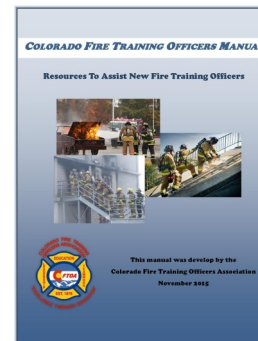
In November of 2015, the Colorado Fire Training Officers Association (CFTOA) published the *Colorado Fire Training Officers Manual: Resources for New Fire Training Officers*. The manual was developed to serve as a reference guide for new and existing training officers. The members of CFTOA have filled this manual and their website (www.cftoa.org) with ide-

as and resources to help you develop a comprehensive and successful training program. The manual includes a First 100 days checklist to help the training officer focus on some critical tasks and a Training Needs Assessment guide to use as a starting point to understand where your training program is today and where you want to see it go in the future.

The manual can be ac-

cessed on the [DFPC website](#)

If you are unfamiliar with CFTOA, it is a network of training officers from across the state. They hold meetings the second Friday of every odd-numbered month to provide opportunities for TOs to meet, share ideas and learn what other fire departments are doing with training. You'll also learn about changes occurring at the Division of Fire Preven-



tion and Control regarding certification rules, requirements and process. For more information visit their website at www.cftoa.org

You're Proctoring a Practical—What's different with RMS?

As the Training Officer you should be requesting all practicals online through the RMS system. By using the online system you can easily confirm that your selected proctors are eligible and that you have the required number of proctors assigned to the practical. The lead proctor will still receive the JPRs and associated paperwork via email no less than 72 hours before the practical. Howev-

er, the documentation returned to DFPC has changed. The best part is you no longer need to submit bubble sheets but you do need to complete the "Practical Exam Dataload Spreadsheet" instead. In addition, you must submit one copy of the "Facility & Equipment Verification Form" signed by the lead proctor and a Proctor Affidavit for each proctor (including the lead proctor)

signed by each proctor. As outlined in the email these documents, and only these documents, should be submitted to DFPC via email to cdps_dfs_certification@state.co.us after the practical is complete. If all these documents are not received, we will not be able to process the practical.

Deadline—Fire Officer III Bridge Process



A reminder for anyone who holds a non-accredited Fire Officer III certification, they must complete the bridge process from a non-accredited Fire Officer III certification to an accredited Fire Officer III certification or apply for the non-accredited Colorado Executive Fire Administrator by December 31, 2016.

The DFPC will no longer renew the non-accredited Fire Officer III certification. The bridge process requires one to currently hold a non-accredited Fire Officer III certification, a Fire Instructor II certification, pass a written test, and complete the JPR skills packet, which can be found on our website.

If one wishes to apply for the Colorado Executive Fire Administrator, they must hold a non-accredited Fire Officer III certification and must submit the Colorado Executive Fire Administrator certification application.

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Online Testing Protocols

The move to iPad testing includes a few changes in testing protocols. At the time you are registered for an iPad test, you will receive an email listing the date, time, location, user name and password. You **must** bring this email as well as your driver's license with you to the test. The proctor has no ability to reset your password at the time of testing. If you do not bring the email, you will not be able to log into the test.

We're on the Web

www.dfpc.state.co.us

The Mission of the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control is to provide leadership and support to Colorado communities in reducing threats to lives, property, and the environment from fire through fire prevention and code enforcement; wildfire preparedness, response, and management; and the training and certification of firefighters.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

For more information on any of these trainings or to get the most up to date list, visit our website dfs.state.co.us and click on "Training Opportunities"

S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior
April 7-10, 2016 Salida CO

S-215 Fire Operations in the Wildland/Urban Interface
April 8-10, 2016 Salida CO

Flawed Situational Awareness: The Stealth Killer of First Responders
Featuring: Dr. Richard B. Gasaway, Fire Chief (ret.) April 13, 2016 North Metro Fire Rescue

Introduction to National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) Course
April 16 - 17, 2016 Ellicott, CO

S-200 Initial Attack Incident Commander (Incident Commander Type 4)
April 16-17, 2016 Salida CO

Tactical Leadership on the Fire Ground
April 21-24, 2016 Ignacio, CO

NFPA 472 Hazardous Materials Safety Officer
April 22-23, 2016 Pueblo, CO

S-270 Basic Air Operations
April 23-24, 2016 Salida CO

Create a Culture That Works
Presented by Mark VonAppen
April 28, 2016 North Metro Fire Rescue

Colorado State Summer Fire School & National Fire Academy Weekend
May 16-22, 2016, Loveland, CO

Strategy & Tactics for Initial Company Officer (May 21-22)
Leadership III for Fire & EMS (May 21-22)
Chief Officer Training Course: Human Resources (May 19-22)
Fire Officer I (CLASS IS FULL)
Fire Officer II (CLASS IS FULL)



Hazardous Materials Highway Specialist
May 23-27, 2016 Boulder, CO

Hazardous Materials Air Monitoring
September 28-29, 2016 Colorado Springs, CO

Colorado State Fall Fire School & National Fire Academy Weekend
September 8-13, 2016, Black Hawk, CO