Date: May 23, 2019

To: State Board of Fire Services

From: Andrew Henning, Chief, State Fire Training

SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:
Non-Certified Non-ARTP/ALA (Alternate Delivery) Candidates Skill Sheet Requirement

Recommended Actions:
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Background Information:
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The proposed January 2019 SFT Procedures Manual classifies candidates who do not complete their Fire Fighter 1 training through an ARTP/ALA as a “Non-Certified Non-ARTP/ALA (Alternate Delivery) Candidates.” These candidates are typically receiving their training through a non-ALA fire department.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:
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not be eligible. This is due to SFT not having a public document showing Authorized Designees that ARTPs can use for signature verification.

This proposal was presented to the Steering Committee at the December 13, 2018 committee meeting. The steering committee supports the concept, and saw no negative consequences. This was approved by STEAC on January 11, 2019.
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To Whom It May Concern:

As the current Fire Chief for the ________ (city, county, agency) of ________ (region, location). I certify that ________ (candidate name) has completed all training and hours as found in the current State Fire Training Fire Fighter 1 Course Plan. I further attest they have thoroughly practiced and become proficient on all the skills identified in the State Fire Training Fire Fighter 1 Skill Sheets, and are fully prepared to take both the psychomotor and cognitive certification exams.

I understand that if the candidate fails the testing, they can retest and remediate pursuant to the State Fire Training Procedures Manual.

Respectfully,

[Fire Chief Signature]

Fire Chief Full Name
Fire Department
To Whom It May Concern:

As the current Fire Chief for the _______ (city, county, agency) of _______ (region, location), I certify that the following candidates have completed all training and hours as found in the current State Fire Training Fire Fighter 1 Course Plan:

    Candidate 1
    ....
    Candidate 10

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