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Dear Chief:

To continue the transition as it relates to the adoption of the NFPA Certified Fire Inspector I Program as the basis for certification as an ADSFM, I would like to offer two additional test dates for testing and/or re-testing for CFI-1:

December 2, 2009 9:00 AM @ SFMO

December 16, 2009 9:00 AM @ SFMO

This will be the last time RI will be allowed to use the 2003 test from NFPA. As of January 2009, NFPA and the SFMO will be using the updated 2009 test and related material for all new ADSFM and anyone needing to re-test. Application for the December 2nd test must be received no later than November 9th 2009 and the December 16th test must be received no later than November 23rd 2009 (application enclosed).

If a member of your department already passed the CFI-1 exam their present ADSFM card will not change. The 3 year expiration date set by NFPA is still valid. It is still each person's responsibility to fulfill all requirements set by NFPA to re-certify prior to the expiration date.

Several hundred people have successfully completed certification and re-certification exams. Preparatory classes have been conducted and several test dates and locations have been offered across the State. It is extremely important that all Departments realize that each person is responsible for taking the test and maintaining their certification. Make every effort to take this opportunity to take the 2003 test before additional changes occur. Each Chief should review their roster and be sure everyone has the proper level of certification.

If an individual within your department has made no effort to take the NFPA CFI-1 exam, their ability to enforce the State Fire Code is no longer valid. Please review the enclosed RI Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review formal interpretation 99-3. This document clearly states the issue each fire department, fire district, city or town or individuals must be aware of in order to be compliant with the law(s).

If you have any questions/concerns about this information contact Chief Deputy Michael DiMascolo at 462-4220.

Regards,

John E. Chartier, EFO, CFI
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Enclosures