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MEMORANDUM TO: All Ontario Fire Chiefs

FROM: Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: July 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Mandatory Firefighter Certification

[Ontario Regulation 343/22](#) Firefighter Certification came into force on July 1, 2022. I want to congratulate the fire service for your unwavering commitment to both training and certification. The deadline for certification compliance for the majority of fire protection services captured in the regulation is July 1, 2026. The compliance date for NFPA 1006 technical rescue disciplines is July 1, 2028.

The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) is committed to supporting efforts to help ensure your members meet the certification timelines and can continue to keep communities safe. The OFM's Academic Standards and Evaluation (ASE) Unit continues to provide certification testing at no cost to the fire service and is providing unofficial results within 30 days of testing, with certification to follow within 90 days. The demand for certification has grown and ASE has been able to meet that exponential growth to support the fire service across Ontario.

At the same time, if fire departments need to conduct training, the Ontario Fire College is hosting upwards of 600 courses alone this year and is one training option available to you. Our training and certification teams are in constant communication with the fire service on your certification needs. If fire departments require any clarification ahead of the compliance deadline, I encourage you to reach out early.

Please do not underestimate the length of time required to meet the mandatory certifications. I would like to recognize the efforts that have been made to meet the requirements in time and thank you for working so collaboratively with my team and across your partners in fire.

Please reach out to your Fire Protection Adviser if you have any additional questions so that we can continue the conversation about certification in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Pegg', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

Cc: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M., Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety, Ministry of the Solicitor General