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MEMORANDUM TO: All Ontario Fire Chiefs

FROM: Jon Pegg  
Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: July 2, 2025

SUBJECT: Mandatory Firefighter Certification – One Year to the July 1, 2026  
Compliance Deadline

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As the July 1, 2026, compliance deadline for [Ontario Regulation 343/22: Firefighter Certification](#) approaches, and with the technical rescue certification deadline following on July 1, 2028, I would like to take this opportunity to commend you and your teams. Your continued dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence in fire service training and certification is remarkable.

With the first compliance deadline quickly approaching, the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) remains committed to supporting fire departments across the province. Since the regulation came into force, we have worked collaboratively with the fire service to ensure continued support and access to the necessary training and resources to meet certification requirements.

The Academic Standards and Evaluation (AS&E) unit continues to offer certification testing at no cost, with unofficial results available within 30 days, and official certificates issued within 90 days. To improve accessibility, the booking window for certification testing has also been reduced from 90 to 60 days. In 2024, the OFM issued over 36,000 certificates and staffing has been scaled to meet the ongoing demand. Departments seeking to schedule testing or requiring information are encouraged to contact AS&E at [ofmtestingandcertification@ontario.ca](mailto:ofmtestingandcertification@ontario.ca).

In 2025, the Ontario Fire College (OFC) will offer over 550 training courses through a variety of accessible formats including learning contracts, Regional Training Centres and self-paced e-learning. These offerings are designed to support local training needs and ensure equitable access among all departments. To explore the training options available to your department, please contact the OFC at [askofc@ontario.ca](mailto:askofc@ontario.ca).

Additionally, the OFM launched the Training and Certification Portal ([www.learning.ofm.ca](http://www.learning.ofm.ca)) which now includes enhanced reporting capabilities for departments who have onboarded their

members. These tools allow fire departments to generate reports on certification status by individual member and by discipline, supporting effective compliance tracking.

I encourage all departments to utilize these features to assess your fire department's current certification levels and identify outstanding requirements ahead of the compliance deadlines. Please visit the updates section of the portal for instructions on how to run these reports.

The OFM remains available and committed to discussing the training and certification options available to your fire department. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Deputy Fire Marshal John McBeth at [john.mcbeth@ontario.ca](mailto:john.mcbeth@ontario.ca), or reach out to your local Fire Protection Adviser.

Thank you for your continued collaboration, leadership, and commitment to firefighter training and certification. Your efforts are instrumental in ensuring the safety of Ontario's fire service and the communities you serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Pegg', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jon Pegg  
Ontario Fire Marshal

cc: Mario Di Tommaso, Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety