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Dear Litchfield County and neighboring firefighters;

The class schedules are set for the fall 2010. The fire school will be running Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and our Exterior Firefighter courses. The Firefighter I certification course will run on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and every other weekend. The course will include certification for Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operational. The cost is \$600 which includes all exam fees, student textbook, and student workbook. The application deadline is August 30, 2010.

The Firefighter II course will run on Monday and Wednesday evenings and every other weekend. This course will be held at the Bantam Fire Station (92 Doyle Road). The cost of the Firefighter II course is \$500 and includes all exam fees. The fire school is using the Second Edition of Jones and Bartlett's Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills. Firefighter II students who need the textbook and workbook will be charged an additional \$100. Please note this on the application in the upper right hand corner so we can have enough books available. The application deadline is August 30, 2010.

The fire school made a change in the turn-out gear policy beginning in the spring 2009. Firefighter training is physical and turn-out gear takes a beating. Students are still required to have NFPA compliant gear for evolutions involving fire suppression and during the practical exam. Students may use older turn-out gear for other evolutions. The instructors will advise the students on when they can use older gear. Students were also encouraged to use duct tape on wear points (knees and boot toes). Knee pads may also help. Departments may want to send a roll of duct tape with their students.

The course application was changed starting with the spring classes. The first night of the course students were previously required to fill out a student information sheet. Some of the information was a duplicate of the application information. The additional student information is now on the back of the application. The back also provides for the release of the student's records to a designated department member. If the student consents to the release of information, then the lead instructor can contact the department with the student's progress. Under privacy laws the fire school cannot release this information without the consent of the student. Presently we are only contacting a department if we see a problem with the student's performance. Departments are always welcome to visit the class and see how their students are doing. I suggest that you inform your students on the contact information they should use so we contact the appropriate department member.

This fall the fire school will be offering an Exterior Firefighter course. The course will be run at the fire school. This is not a certification course and the hours will not be credited toward Firefighter I in the future. The cost of the course is \$250. We will not be using a textbook for this course. The course was written by Burrville State Fire School Instructors. The class will meet on thirteen Wednesday evenings. Student will also be encourage to assist at the Firefighter I live burn on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. All of the topics are only taught to the exterior firefighter level. Although topics such as SCBA and ladders are taught, students will not be required to wear SCBA or climb ladders.

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