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MEMORANDUM
Public Safety Training Memo PS14-02

TO: Continuing Education Senior Administrators

FROM: Tracy McPherson, Director, Public Safety Training Programs

RE: Obsolete Courses – Firefighter Level I

Last July, college Fire and Rescue School Directors were informed by the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to stop offering individual Firefighter Level I certification courses, effective December 31, 2013, and to start using the combination Firefighter I and II courses instead.

In response, the System Office will be putting end dates on the Firefighter Level I courses listed below, making them obsolete in Colleague (please note that colleges should have already stopped using these Level I course numbers). The purpose of this memo is to update you on this state-level action and to ensure that you understand its impact at the local college level.

Effective December 31, 2013
Firefighter Level I Certification Courses Being Made Obsolete:

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State action: These identified courses will be given an end date of December 31, 2013, in Colleague and the current course status will change from ‘AB’ (Approved by Board) to ‘O’ (Obsolete).

Local impact: Colleges will no longer be able to build sections on the identified course IDs. Any Spring 2014 classes built to these course IDs will not be reported either to OSFM in the monthly Fire report or on the end of term ICR. (Colleges should have ceased using these numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

If you have questions about these changes to the Master Course List, please contact Tracy McPherson at 919-807-7117 or mcphersont@nccommunitycolleges.edu or Margaret Roberton at 919-807-7159 or robertonm@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

If you have questions related to your Community College Fire and Rescue Training program, please contact your Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator: Western Region – Winfield Abee at abeew@nccommunitycolleges.edu; Central Region – Chris Raynor at raynorc@nccommunitycolleges.edu; or Eastern Region – Kenny Weatherington at weatheringtonk@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

If you have questions about the state’s Firefighter Certification program, please contact Kim Williams or other Commission staff at the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) at 1-800-634-7854 or via contact information at http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Fire_Rescue_Commission/Default.aspx?field1=Contacts.

For additional information about the NC Fire and Rescue Commission’s decision to move to one consolidated Firefighter Certification, consult the OSFM website referenced below. Please note that individual Firefighter Level II courses may still be offered through December 31, 2014 as part of the transition process. Firefighter Level I and Level II combination (or “combo”) courses may be offered at any time.

NC Fire and Rescue Commission reference:

Thank you for the important training you provide to the fire and rescue community. Your role as part of the state’s public safety training network makes a difference for employers and citizens every day.

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