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MEMORANDUM

To: Heads of Fire Department

From: Stephen D. Coan
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Date: April 14, 2015

RE: Fire Prevention Officer Re-Credential Process

This advisory is to announce that there is a process in place for credentialed Fire Prevention Officers (FPO I and FPO II) to be re-credentialed.

The re-credentialing process is designed to encourage new achievement and maintain a higher level of professionalism after initial credentialing.

In order to maintain the Fire Prevention Officer Credential an individual will be required to accumulate 72 points of approved attendance/activities within a 36-month period from the date of issuance of the credential. These activities include:

- Certifications and Exams
- Professional Memberships
- Boards/Commissions/Technical Committees
- Professional Development
- Fire Prevention Officer Work Experience

The application for re-credential can be found online at
<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dfs/fpo-training.html>

Also online are:

- Criteria Credit Scoring Matrix
- List of Approved Trainings – all MFA courses have been evaluated for FPO credit
- Training Program Request for Credential Application - which can be used to request credit for trainings outside of MFA

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All Training Program Course Curriculums will be evaluated primarily against the NFPA Standard 1031 Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner. Other standards that would qualify for credit on a case by case basis are

- 921 - Guide for Fire & Explosion Investigations
- 1033 - Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator
- 1035 - Professional Qualifications for Fire and Life Safety Educator, Public Information Officer, and Juvenile Fire setter Intervention Specialist

All individuals currently holding certificates stating an expiration date of 2015 or 2016 will have an extension and must submit for recredential by 12/31/16.

Completed re-credentialing applications can be submitted to DFS.credentialing@state.ma.us or mailed to the address listed in the application packet.