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Dear Stakeholder,

You are invited to offer public comment as outlined in this notice regarding proposed administrative rule filings related to the following chapters of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC):

Chapter 4765-11 (Chartering of Fire Fighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Programs);
Chapter 4765-20 (Fire Training Programs);
Chapter 4765-21 (Fire Instructor Training Programs);
Chapter 4765-22 (Professional Standards); and
Chapter 4765-23 (Disciplinary Actions).

The proposed filings are the result of a completed Revised Code (RC) 119.032 five-year rule review. You are receiving this message pursuant to the requirements of Executive Order 2011-011K and Senate Bill 2 of the 129th General Assembly, which direct state agencies, including the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), to draft rules in collaboration with stakeholders, assess and justify the rules' adverse impact on the business community (as defined by Senate Bill 2), and provide opportunity for interested parties to submit feedback regarding proposed rules.

In summary, as the majority of the rules were reorganized for clarity and consistency, updated to reflect changes in terminology, and revised to more effectively address availability of materials incorporated by reference, the majority of the rules are proposed as new, while simultaneously proposed for rescission. This is due to the fifty percent rule-formatting guideline, which provides for simultaneous adoption/rescission, if it is estimated that changes strike approximately fifty percent of the existing text while adding a comparable amount of new text.

Proposed changes of a substantive nature include additional training requirements for firefighter I and II certificates – the four hour National Fallen Firefighter Foundation’s course, “Courage to be Safe: Sixteen Life Safety Initiatives” and for fire instructor and fire safety inspector instructor certificates— a decrease in the hours required for the adult students and basic teaching techniques; additional options for meeting continuing education requirements for the renewal of non-affiliated and non-Ohio resident firefighter certificates; new parameters for delivering instruction at offsite locations and in online and distance learning environments; increased flexibility for meeting continuing education requirements for Ohio resident firefighter certificates; new requirement for fire safety inspectors to complete training when a new fire code is adopted and permitting these hours to be counted towards the continuing education renewal requirements; a substitution of four hours of live fire training awareness for fire service training module hours required for fire instructors; new requirement for fire instructors and assistant fire instructors to complete training when they wish to participate in the instruction of live fire training evolutions; increased flexibility for the EMS Executive Director to review and approve training conducted in the military, another state or a United States territory for

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credit for Ohio certification; increased flexibility for the EMS Executive Director to accept surrender of certificates that are under investigation; increased flexibility with respect to reinstatement for firefighters, fire safety inspectors, and instructors; and the ability to investigate complaints regarding examinations without a known complainant.

The business impact analyses (BIAs), which provide detailed explanations of the proposed filings, as well as the rules and a link to submit comments, may be accessed electronically via EMS' small business regulatory website at http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/ems_rules.stm. All interested parties are invited to offer public comment at EMS.rules@dps.state.oh.us regarding the proposed changes. **Public comments may be submitted through 11:59 p.m. on June 27, 2013.**

Please copy the Common Sense Initiative Office, which governs the state's regulatory process, at CSIPublicComments@governor.ohio.gov on all public comments that you submit.

Sincerely,



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