

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Executive Director of the State Board of Emergency Medical Services and the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee will conduct a public hearing pursuant to R.C. 119.03 on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public comment on the proposal to amend, adopt, and rescind the following rules. These rules are being filed in response to legislative changes provided in House Bill 1 of the 128th General Assembly.

Amendment of 4765-20-02 (Qualifications for a certificate of firefighter training), 4765-20-03 (Qualifications for a certificate of fire safety inspector training), and 4765-20-08 (Reinstatement of a fire service certification).

Adoption of 4765-20-22 (Issuance of initial, equivalency and reinstatement fire training certification and fire instructor certification), and 4765-20-23 (Merging of fire service and fire instructor certifications with EMS certifications).

Rule 4765-20-02 is being amended to remove the reference to the certification cycle, therefore allowing a common expiration date for all EMS and fire certificate holders.

Rule 4765-20-03 is being amended to remove the reference to the certification cycle, therefore allowing a common expiration date for all EMS and fire certificate holders.

Rule 4765-20-08 is being amended to clarify that ten hours of continuing education is needed in order to reinstate a fire safety inspector certificate.

Rule 4765-20-22 is being adopted so the executive director can issue a common expiration date, the individual's birthday, to all EMS and fire certificate holders.

Rule 4765-20-23 is being adopted to allow the executive director to merge the expiration dates of all current EMS and fire certificates to a common expiration date, the individual's birthday.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing. Any persons affected by the proposed rules may appear at the hearing and be heard in person, by an attorney, or both, or may present their position, argument, or contention in writing. Persons may offer and examine witnesses and present evidence to show that the proposed rules will be unreasonable or unlawful.

Requests for copies of the proposed rules and/or to offer public comment may be submitted in person or by mail at the following address: Office of Legal Services, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Suite 531C, Columbus, Ohio 43223, Telephone: (614) 466-5605.

The proposed rules may also be accessed electronically via the Division of EMS website (http://ems.ohio.gov/ems_laws.stm).