

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Committee will conduct a public hearing pursuant to R.C. 119.02 through 119.04 on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. The purpose of the hearing will be to solicit public comment on the following proposed rules to the Ohio Administrative Code:

Rescission of 4765-11-01 (Definitions), 4765-11-03 (Chartering of training programs), 4765-11-04 (Application for charter), 4765-11-05 (Renewal of charter), 4765-11-06 (Notification to executive director), 4765-11-07 (Revocation of a charter), 4765-11-08 (Qualifications for instructors), 4765-11-09 (Certification of firefighters and fire safety inspectors), 4765-11-10 (Volunteer firefighters), 4765-11-11 (Firefighter I), 4765-11-12 (Firefighter II), 4765-11-13 (Fire safety inspectors), 4765-11-15 (Certificate in lieu of completion of a chartered training program), and 4765-11-16 (Certificate of equivalency); and

Adoption of 4765-11-01 (Definitions), 4765-11-02 (Classification of fire service training programs), 4765-11-03 (Chartering of training programs), 4765-11-04 (Application for charter), 4765-11-05 (Renewal of charter), 4765-11-06 (Notification to executive director), 4765-11-07 (Reinstatement of an expired charter), 4765-11-08 (Reinstatement of a revoked charter or classification), 4765-11-09 (Volunteer firefighter curriculum), 4765-11-10 (Firefighter II transition course curriculum), 4765-11-11 (Firefighter I curriculum), 4765-11-12 (Firefighter II transition course curriculum), and 4765-11-13 (Firefighter II curriculum), 4765-11-14 (Fire safety inspector curriculum), 4765-11-15 (Fire service instructor curriculum), 4765-11-16 (Fire safety inspector instructor curriculum);

4765-20-01 (General provision), 4765-20-02 (Qualifications for a certificate of firefighter training), 4765-20-03 (Qualifications for a certificate of fire safety inspector training), 4765-20-04 (Application for a certificate of fire training), 4765-20-05 (Notification to the executive director of change of personal information), 4765-20-06 (Fire training examination), 4765-20-07 (Renewal of a certificate of fire training), 4765-20-08 (Reinstatement of a certificate of fire training), 4765-20-09 (Reinstatement of a revoked certificate of fire training), 4765-20-10 (Certificate in lieu of completing a chartered training program), 4765-20-11 (Equivalency for a certificate of fire service training), 4765-20-12 (Equivalency for fire instructor), 4765-20-13 (Options for firefighter continuing education), 4765-20-14 (Continuing education option two: upgrade to firefighter I), 4765-20-15 (Continuing education option two: upgrade to firefighter II), 4765-20-16 (Fire safety inspector continuing education), 4765-20-17

(Exemption for continuing education), 4765-20-18 (Voluntary surrender in level of certificate of fire training), 4765-20-19 (Initial renewal of active firefighter certification), 4765-20-20 (Initial renewal of active fire safety inspector certification), 4765-20-21 (Initial renewal of active fire instructor certification),

4765-21-02 (Fire service instructor training program entrance requirements), 4765-21-03 (Criteria for a certificate to teach fire service training), 4765-21-04 (Renewal of a certificate to teach fire service training), 4765-21-05 (Reinstatement of a certificate to teach fire service training), 4765-21-06 (Qualification for fire service instructor trainers), 4765-21-07 (EMS instructor seeking fire service instructor certification), 4765-21-08 (Fire service instructor crossover certification), 4765-21-09 (Criteria for a certificate of assistant fire instructor), 4765-21-10 (Reinstatement of a revoked certificate),

4765-22-01 (Professional standards of conduct for fire service training certificate holders), 4765-22-02 (Professional standards of conduct for certified instructor),

4765-23-01 (Investigation process), 4765-23-02 (Administrative actions), and 4765-23-03 (Report of administrative actions).

Several rules in Chapter 4765-11 are being rescinded and filed as new rules due to an LSC rule-drafting requirement that requires an agency to rescind a rule and file it as a new rule if 50% or more of the rule is being amended.

These rules are being proposed in accordance with HB 401 (126th G.A.). This bill requires the Executive Director of the Division of EMS, with advice and counsel of the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Committee, to adopt rules regarding, in general, training and education standards and certification and renewal requirements for firefighters, fire safety inspectors, fire instructors, and fire charters, as well as disciplinary guidelines and procedures for such certificate holders.

In general, the rules in **Chapter 4765-11** pertain to the application of a fire charter, criteria to obtain a fire charter, renewal and reinstatement of a fire charter, and curricula for each level of fire service training and fire service instructor training.

In general, the rules in **Chapter 4765-20** pertain to the application of a firefighter and fire safety inspector certificate, criteria to obtain each certificate, fire examinations, renewal and reinstatement of a certificate, continuing education requirements, certificate in lieu of completing a fire training program, certificates of equivalency, voluntary surrender of a certificate, and renewal requirements that current certificate holders must follow in order to obtain new certificates

within 12 months of the effective date of the rules.

In general, the rules in **Chapter 4765-21** pertain to the application of a fire instructor and fire safety inspector instructor, criteria to obtain each certificate, renewal and reinstatement of instructor certificates, assistant instructor criteria, instructor trainer criteria, and crossover certification.

In general, the rules in **Chapter 4765-22** pertain to professional standards that must be maintained by firefighters, fire safety inspectors, and instructors.

In general, the rules in **Chapter 4765-23** pertain to the investigative process, the types of disciplinary actions that can be taken against certificate holders, and the reporting requirements for such actions.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present oral and/or written testimony. Written comments must be submitted to Heather Reed Frient, Legal Services, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Comments received at the above address before the hearing will be treated as testimony.

These rules may be accessed electronically via the Division of EMS website (<http://www.ems.ohio.gov/rules.htm>). Questions concerning these proposed rules may be addressed to Ms. Reed Frient at 614-466-7014.