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Dear Litchfield County and neighboring firefighters;

The class schedules are set for the spring 2010. The fire school will be running Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and our Exterior Firefighter courses. The Firefighter I certification course will run on Monday and Wednesday evenings and every other weekend. The course will include certification for Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operational. The cost is \$650 which includes all exam fees, student textbook, and student workbook. The application deadline is February 12, 2010

The Firefighter II course will run on Monday and Wednesday evenings and every other weekend. This course will be held at the Bantam Fire Station (92 Doyle Road). The cost of the Firefighter II course is \$500 and includes all exam fees. The fire school is using the Second Edition of Jones and Bartlett's Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills. Firefighter II students who need the textbook and workbook will be charged an additional \$100. Please note this on the application in the upper right hand corner so we can have enough books. The application deadline is February 26, 2010. If we do not have 20 students enrolled by the deadline this course will be cancelled.

The fire school made a change in the turn-out gear policy beginning in the spring 2009. Firefighter training is physical and turn-out gear takes a beating. Students are still required to have NFPA compliant gear for evolutions involving fire suppression and during the practical exam. Students may use older turn-out gear for other evolutions. The instructors will advise the students on when they can use older gear. Students were also encouraged to use duct tape on wear points (knees and boot toes). Knee pads may also help. Departments may want to send a roll of duct tape with their students.

The course application has changed. The first night of the course students were previously required to fill out a student information sheet. Some of the information was a duplicate of the application information. The additional student information is now on the back of the application. The back also provides for the release of the student's records to a designated department member. If the student consents to the release of information, then the lead instructor can contact the department. Under privacy laws the fire school cannot release information without the consent of the student. Presently we are only contacting a department if we see a problem with the student's performance. Departments are always welcome to visit the class and see how their students are doing. I suggest that you inform your students on the contact information they should use so we contact the appropriate department member.

This spring the fire school will be offering an Exterior Firefighter course. The course will be run at the Warren Fire Station (935 Main Street). This is not a certification course and the hours will not be credited toward Firefighter I in the future. The cost of the course is \$250. We will not be using a textbook for this course. The course was written by Burrville Fire School Instructors. The class will meet on nine Tuesday evenings and four Sundays. Student will also be encourage to assist at the Firefighter I live burn on Saturday, May 8th. All of the topics are only taught to the exterior firefighter level. Although topics such as SCBA and ladders are taught, students will not be allowed to wear SCBA or climb ladders.

The school committee for the Litchfield County Fire Chiefs' Emergency Plan, Inc. will be holding a special meeting on February 3, 2010 at the Litchfield Fire Station at 7:00 p.m. All department training officers and chief officers are encouraged to attend. The school committee is looking for input on the Burrville Fire School operations. The meeting will start with an update on what is happening at the school, including the rebuilding process. There will be ample opportunity for training officers and chief officers to provide the fire school with their input. The school committee needs your input to insure we are heading in the direction that meets your needs. We will also discuss the possibility of applying for region Fire Act Grants for training opportunities. Please make an effort to have your department represented.

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