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Attachment #9

**To:** John Binaski, Chair  
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee  
c/o State Fire Training

**From:** Brandon Erickson, Certification Exam Coordinator

**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**  
Registered Psychomotor Skills Evaluator

**Recommended Actions:**  
Information Only

**Background Information:**

A Registered Lead Evaluator (Lead Evaluators) instructs candidates on the exam procedures, ensures exam security, and provides assistance to candidates. A Registered Psychomotor Skills Evaluator (Skills Evaluator) evaluates and scores candidates on a specific psychomotor skill or station during State Fire Training (SFT) certification exams.

These positions were implemented in 2015 for the administration of the SFT Fire Fighter 1 Certification Exam. The Lead Evaluator is required to be certified in the job function of the SFT certification exam that he/she is administering.

The SFT Procedure Manual (January 2019 edition) was adopted into regulations on July 1, 2019. *Chapter 11: Fire Fighter Certification Exams* is a new chapter that outlines the requirements to conduct SFT certification exams.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

Section 11.5.2.2 of the SFT Procedure Manual (January 2019 edition), requires Psychomotor Skills Evaluators to be certified in the job function of the SFT certification exam that they administer. It was determined to be in the best interest of accredited academies to maximize the amount of available Skill Evaluators by temporarily waiving this requirement.

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SFT will begin implementing the certification requirement for Fire Fighter 1 Skills Evaluators effective July 1, 2020. Applicants shall meet the requirements and apply on or before June 30, 2020 to become a Fire Fighter 1 Registered Skills Evaluator without having the required SFT Fire Fighter 1 Certification. Applicants applying on or after July 1, 2020 shall have a SFT Fire Fighter 1 Certification.

SFT has implemented a Fire Fighter 2 Certification Exam for the Fire Fighter 2 (2019) Certification. All applicants seeking to become a Fire Fighter 2 Registered Psychomotor Skills Evaluators shall be required to have a SFT Fire Fighter 2 Certification.

Current Fire Fighter 1 Lead Evaluators and Psychomotor Skills Evaluators who have a SFT Fire Fighter 2 Certification have been administratively issued a Fire Fighter 2 Registered Lead Evaluator and/or Fire Fighter 2 Registered Psychomotor Skills Evaluator in the SFT User Portal. Verification of these records can be viewed from within the SFT User Portal, on SFT Transcripts, and through the SFT Instructor Database.

As of January 13, 2020, SFT has identified the total number of Registered Lead Evaluators and Registered Psychomotor Skills Evaluators for each certification exam:

Registered Lead Evaluators

- Fire Fighter 1: 640
- Fire Fighter 2: 538

Registered Psychomotor Skills Evaluators

- Fire Fighter 1: 1,286
- Fire Fighter 2: 1,091