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REF: Use of Electronic Textbooks for Fire Training

Recognizing that today's students are accustomed to working in an electronic reading environment and that publishers provide electronic versions of most fire training textbooks, the Ohio Division of EMS and the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Subcommittee approve the use of eBooks for fire training courses required for state certification.

The use of eBooks, however, does not affect the required minimum student contact hours and does not replace live face-to-face training with an instructor.

Please contact the Division of EMS Education Section at FireEducation@dps.ohio.gov or (614) 466-9447 with questions or concerns.