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TO: Program Directors, Ohio Chartered Fire Training Institutions

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REF: Instructor Course—Supervised Teaching Clarification

The Division of EMS has recently received questions regarding the ten (10) hours of supervised teaching for fire instructor candidates.

Per the Ohio Administrative (OAC) 4765-11-15(A)(4) one of the requirements for course completion is: “Ten hours of supervised teaching in the presence of a fire instructor and under the auspices of a chartered program.”

Clarification: The fire instructor that is evaluating the instructor candidate during the supervised teaching must be doing so under the auspices of a chartered fire training program. Nothing in this rule indicates that the fire instructor must be under the auspices of the fire charter that is conducting the fire instructor course. However, the program director of the fire charter that is conducting the fire instructor course must approve and attest to the completion of all course requirements by the instructor candidate.

This information should be spelled out in charter program policy and be available to students prior to starting an instructor course.

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