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TO: Program Directors, Ohio Chartered Fire Training Institutions

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REF: Live Fire Training Instructor Requirements

The safety of all personnel is the highest priority when conducting/participating in live fire training. Therefore, in an effort to ensure training personnel and student safety when conducting live fire training for certification courses, the Division of EMS requires the following training personnel/positions to be state-certified fire instructors:

- ☐ Instructor-In-Charge (Incident Commander)
- ☐ Attack hose lines
- ☐ Backup hose lines
- ☐ Functional assignments (i.e., Safety Officer, Fire Control Team, Water Supply Officer, etc.)
- ☐ Any teaching assignments

Support personnel for live fire training evolutions, including support for the positions listed above are not required to be certified fire instructors.

Reminder: Per O.A.C. 4765-21-03(C):

- (1) Any fire instructor or assistant fire instructor certified after April 7, 2014, who wishes to provide instruction in any live fire training evolutions or courses for state certification, shall have successfully completed the "Live Fire Training Operations Course" through an Ohio chartered fire training program.
- (2) Effective January 1, 2021, regardless of when a person was certified as a fire instructor or assistant fire instructor, a live fire instructor certification will be required when conducting live fire training evolutions for certification as a firefighter.**

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

References:

- (1) Live Fire Training Operations JPR Requirement Check-off:
<https://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/ems1112.pdf>
- (2) NFPA 1403, *Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions* (2018 Edition)
- (3) Ohio Administrative Code 4765-21-03