

MINNESOTA FIRE SERVICE CERTIFICATION BOARD (MFSCB)
TRAINING OFFICERS' NEWSLETTER – May 2010
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Welcome to our e-newsletter. If you know any training officers that would benefit from this newsletter, please ask them to email Theresa and we will add them to the list.

NEW CERTIFICATION TESTS!

-We have received accreditation from both Pro Board and IFSAC for our Technical Rescuer series and will be pilot testing on May 4th. We have scheduled our first test; Technical Rescuer/Ropes I, which is a prerequisite for Confined Space, Trench and Vehicle & Machinery for: **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010 at the South Metro Training Center. We will hold one session at 2:00 pm and another at 6:00 pm. Please contact Theresa to register for this test. Cost is \$175.**

-We are also ready to begin testing for the new **NFPA 472 Hazardous Material Operations** Test which consists of a 100 question written test and 5 practical stations. Registration is available on-line.

ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANTS (AFG): MONEY FOR TRAINING!

-There is \$390 million for this years' grant awards. Applications are due by May 28th. Complete details can be found at http://www.firegrantsupport.com/docs/2010_AFGguidance.pdf Preference is once again given to training that leads to and includes certification for FFI and FFII, FAO, and Fire Officer (which requires Fire Instructor). Additional preference is given for regional training which does not have any impact on your own department submitting a separate request for any grant.

-The Minnesota Department of Homeland Security continues to have grant monies available for Hazardous Materials Training; go to http://www.hsem.state.mn.us/HSem_view_Article.asp?docid=381&catid=2 for complete information.

-The Minnesota Board of Fire Training and Education will also be receiving another \$1.2 million on July 1, 2010 for reimbursement and may also receive some of the \$2 million appropriated by the legislature this session.

FEE INCREASE:

As reported in previous issues, we will be having a modest fee increase on July 1, 2010. All certifications offered at the \$70 and \$80 rate will increase by \$5 thus; the new rates will be \$75 and \$85 respectively. The revenue generated from this increase will be used wholly for increases in compensation to the lead evaluators who have not received an increase in several years.

TRAINING OFFICERS' MEETINGS:

Based on our successful meetings last year, we are going to continue the program this fall with meetings in the Rochester/SE part of the state, Willmar/Marshall/SW part of the state, Alexandria or St. Cloud, Detroit Lakes and somewhere on the Iron Range; Grand Rapids or Hibbing. We will also be adding a 6th meeting but that will be held during the day in the Metro area. Please contact Theresa if you are interested in hosting one of these meetings. All meetings will be on a Wednesday night starting the 2nd or 3rd week in September and finish in Rochester on Wednesday October 20.

2010 RE-CERTIFICATIONS WERE DUE 4-30-2010:

It's not too late to recertify! Please contact me if you have any questions.

THERE ARE 30 TESTS SCHEDULED FOR MAY! Check out it out at www.MFSCB.org or Facebook!

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