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Texas Commission on Fire Protection

March 3, 2006

Kathy Perkins
Department of State Health Services
1100 W 49th Street
Austin, TX 78456-3199

Dear Ms. Perkins:

On behalf of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection I wish to provide your agency with information concerning our new Instructor Certification procedure. The Commission has developed curricula for Fire Service Instructor I, II and III. The new curricula are based on the National Fire Protection Association 1041 Standard - Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications. As of March 1, 2006 all fire service personnel who apply for fire service instructor certification must complete the applicable curriculum and pass the certification test. They must hold Instructor I to apply for Instructor II and hold Instructor II to apply for Instructor III. In the past we have on occasion accepted your Instructor Certification as comparable to the Methods of Teaching Class, which was previously required to meet our training and certification requirements. However, the new curricula are significantly different than the Methods of Teaching Class and all applicants must now complete the new training and pass the appropriate certification test.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jake Soteriou".

Jake Soteriou
Director - Standards and Certification
Texas Commission on Fire Protection