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MEMORANDUM TO: All Ontario Fire Chiefs

FROM: Jon Pegg
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SUBJECT: Firefighter Certification – Regulatory Registry Posting

I am writing to provide an update on the work that we have been doing on firefighter certification in Ontario. As you are aware, there is currently no minimum standard of firefighter certification under the [Fire Prevention and Protection Act, 1997](#). With your input, we have developed a proposal that would introduce mandatory minimum certification requirements for specific fire protection services. The proposed approach is based on the key competencies and job performance requirements of the National Fire Protection Association standards.

I am pleased to let you know that a consultation document is now posted to [Ontario's Regulatory Registry](#) to seek input on the proposed firefighter certification model. The posting will be open for feedback until February 28, 2022.

The early feedback received related to transition, timelines and operational considerations has been reflected in the proposed regulation. Your feedback on the Regulatory Registry posting material will assist us as we work to finalize a firefighter certification regulation that provides appropriate flexibility for local municipalities, while supporting firefighter and public safety.

Once again, many thanks to you and your members for their support and input. If you have any questions, please contact John McBeth, Director of Training, Certification and Public Education at John.McBeth@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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