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Division of EMS Rolls-Out New and Revised Fire Rules

16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiative becomes required curriculum

(Columbus)— A total of sixty new and revised fire rules in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) became effective today. It was a part of a firefighters rules overhaul coordinated by the Division of Emergency Medical Services' Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee.

The rules in chapters 4765-11 (Chartering of Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Programs), 4765-20 (Fire Service Training Programs), 4765-21 (Fire Instructor Training Programs), 4765-22 (Professional Standards), and 4765-23 (Disciplinary Actions) of the OAC will affect certified fire personnel, instructors and program directors of Ohio Fire Chartered Training Institutions. These rules were filed pursuant to a completed Revised Code 119.032 five-year rule review.

One new rule of a significant nature is a requirement for firefighters to complete training on the "Courage to be Safe, Sixteen Life Saving Initiatives." The 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives are part of the National Fallen Firefighter's *Everyone Goes Home* program designed to prevent line of duty deaths and injuries of firefighters and other emergency workers.

"If we change the culture of firefighting by educating our firefighters with these 16 *Life Safety Initiatives* and save one life, we have succeeded," said Executive Director of the Division of EMS Mel House.

According to United States Fire Administration, every year approximately 100 firefighters lose their lives in the line of duty in the United States.

The initial program was developed in 2004 and first rolled out nationally starting in 2005. The first classes in Ohio occurred in 2007. Ohio becomes the second state, only to Texas to mandate the inclusion of the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives into curriculum.

For a complete view of all effective fire rules please visit <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4765> and click

- Chapter 4765-11 Chartering of Firefighter, Fire Safety Inspector and Instructor Training Programs.
- Chapter 4765-20 Fire Service Training Programs.
- Chapter 4765-21 Fire Instructor Training Programs.
- Chapter 4765-22 Professional Standards.

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