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Dear Litchfield County and neighboring firefighters;

The class schedules are set for the spring of 2012. The fire school will be running Firefighter I and Firefighter II. The Firefighter I certification course will run on Monday and Wednesday evenings and every other weekend. The course will include certification for Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operational. The cost is \$600 which includes all exam fees, student textbook, and student workbook. The application deadline for Firefighter I is February 10, 2012. The Firefighter II certification course will be running on Tuesdays and Thursdays and some weekends. The cost is \$500 which includes all exam fees. Firefighter II students that do not have the textbook and workbook can purchase a set for \$100. The application deadline for Firefighter I is February 24, 2012. Please see the attached schedules for actual class dates.

The fire school made a change in the turn-out gear policy beginning in the spring 2009. Firefighter training is physical and turn-out gear takes a beating. Students are still required to have NFPA compliant gear for evolutions involving fire suppression and during the practical exam. Students may use older turn-out gear for other evolutions. The instructors will advise the students on when they can use older gear. Students are also encouraged to use duct tape on wear points (knees and boot toes). Knee pads may also help. Departments may want to send a roll of duct tape with their students.

There seems to be some confusion about the Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operational Certification. Because of the NFPA Standards this certification is required to become certified at the Firefighter I level. Members certified Firefighter I or II prior to this change are **NOT** required to obtain the new Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operational Certification. The former hazardous materials operational training is still sufficient to meet the OSHA requirements. The fire school can customize hazardous materials training to meet your department's needs.

On behalf of the school committee and the staff of the Burrville State Fire School I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year.

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