



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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## Memorandum

**To:** Connecticut Fire Chiefs  
**From:** Jeffrey J. Morrisette, State Fire Administrator  
**Date:** October 27, 2008  
**Re:** Entry-Level Training Reimbursement

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The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control administers an Entry-Level Training Reimbursement Program. The enabling legislation providing for this program allows municipalities, municipal fire departments and state agency fire departments to be reimbursed for one-half the cost of Firefighter I or Recruit Training of volunteer or career personnel who achieve certification. Recently, the Commission increased the maximum reimbursement rate cap to \$300 for Firefighter I and \$2887.50 for the 14-week Recruit Firefighter Training program.

In general, Firefighter I training offered by the Regional Fire Schools and Recruit Firefighter Training as offered by the Connecticut Fire Academy are considered pre-approved. All other entry-level training offered by a municipality or private vendor shall require approval of the training program syllabus and documentation of program expenses. To request a formal review of an entry-level training program please contact my office.

To initiate the reimbursement process, fire chiefs must submit an Entry-Level Training Reimbursement Pre-Approval Request form prior to the commencement of training. Upon receipt of the form by this office we will encumber funds on behalf of your candidate firefighter(s) and issue a Pre-Approval Authorization Number which will be used to track your candidate firefighter(s). Upon successful completion of Firefighter I or Recruit Firefighter training and achievement of certification you should notify our office to verify certification status and request issuance of your reimbursement check.

Attached for your information is the Policy and Procedures for the administration of this program and an Entry-Level Training Reimbursement Pre-Approval Request Form. These are both available on our website for download at [www.ct.gov/cfpc](http://www.ct.gov/cfpc).

In closing, reimbursement may be sought up to one year from date of certification. Therefore, any department having individual(s) certified to the level of Firefighter I since October 27, 2007 is still eligible to seek reimbursement.

Please do not hesitate to call if we can assist you in any way with the reimbursement process. We look forward to serving you.

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