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To:                                      Regional Fire Management Officers

From:                                  Chief, Fire and Aviation Management /s/ **Tom Nichols**

Subject:                                NPS Structural Fire Training Standards for Wildland Firefighters

National Park Service (NPS) wildland firefighters are increasingly finding themselves on events involving structural fires. NPS policy in Directors Order and Reference Manual #58, Structural Fire Management, and those excerpts included in Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations 2012 (Red Book), clearly state any NPS employee wishing to engage in the suppression of structural fires (including dumpsters, trash, vehicle, boat, aircraft and/or buildings) must first obtain a certification from either the State in which the employee works or from the NPS Structural Fire Management Office.

All certifications must be in full compliance with *NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*. Certifications via lesser standards, including *NFPA 600, Standard on Industrial Fire Brigades* and *NFPA 1081, Standard for Industrial Fire Brigade member Professional Qualifications* are not recognized by the NPS, nor are any type of certifications that do not fully comply with NFPA 1001.

Recognizing the demands placed on our wildland fire employees and the importance of managing the synergistic disciplines of wildland and structural fire, the NPS Structural Fire Management Office has developed an NFPA Firefighter I certification. The program incorporates an on-line curriculum, position task book, and 3-5 days of formalized training emphasizing hands-on skills and live fire exercises. Employees who successfully complete the program will not only meet agency requirements but will also be eligible for Pro Board Certification which is recognized by more than 32 states, 4 Canadian Provinces and 29 other agencies.

This year, one Firefighter I program is being offered for agency personnel:

- June 19-22, 2012 Yosemite National Park

To obtain details of this class or any of the agencies structural fire training programs visit the following website:

<http://inside.nps.gov/waso/custompages.cfm?prg=358&id=7674&lv=3&pgid=3001>

Training certification is only one requirement set forth in Directors Order and Reference Manual #58, Structural Fire Management (also reflected in the Red Book). For details on equipment requirements, medicals, fitness, and SCBA fit tests, please consult associated policy manuals. For additional information or guidance please contact the NPS Structural Fire Operations Program Manager, Mark Gorman at 208-387-5244 or at [Mark\\_Gorman@nps.gov](mailto:Mark_Gorman@nps.gov).

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