



***“MAKING ONTARIO A SAFER PLACE FROM FIRE.”***

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**TO:** Ontario Fire Chiefs  
Municipal CAOs

**FROM:** Jon Pegg  
Chair, Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council

**SUBJECT:** Firefighter Certification

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On July 1, 2022, [O. Reg. 343/22: Firefighter Certification](#) came into force in the Province of Ontario.

Following the consultation period, the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) Board of Directors has been working with the Office of the Fire Marshal to understand the requirements of the certification regulation and its impact on Ontario's fire services. Over the course of the next 4 to 6 years, departments will be required to certify their members to the level of fire protection service established by their municipality.

It became apparent in our discussions and understanding of feedback provided throughout the regulation's consultation period that municipalities were seeking financial support to assist with the requirements under O. Reg. 343/22. Some departments will require online access to training material whereas others will be required to purchase textbooks to support their members in achieving certification.

Today, on behalf of the FMPFSC, I am pleased to announce the creation of a \$750,000 grant to support firefighter certification in Ontario. This grant will be provided over three years and is open to all Ontario fire departments who can demonstrate a need for educational materials to support training and certifying their members. The grant will be administered through the FMPFSC's Distribution Centre with details to follow on the application process and what materials will be eligible as part of this funding.

The FMPFSC has worked closely with both Jones and Bartlett and the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) to provide a suite of both hard copy and online materials that will benefit the fire service in meeting the requirements of the regulation.

The Board and FMPFSC is honoured to be able to provide this funding to the fire service in Ontario and will continue to look for opportunities to give back to the Ontario fire service to continue to support a fire safe Ontario.

It would be appreciated if fire chiefs could share the news of this grant with their training officers and others so that thought can be given on what is needed at the local level to support training and certification.

Details on the grant application process will be available through Jamie Kovacs, Executive Director, in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Jon Pegg  
Chair

cc: Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs