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**TITLE 655 BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING  
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

LSA Document #01-121

June 11, 2001

Administrative Rules Oversight Committee  
c/o Legislative Services Agency  
State House, Room 301  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Attn: George Angelone

Re: LSA Doc. #01-121 [*See printed version of LSA Document #01-121 at 24 IR 3181.*]

Dear Members of the Committee,

Pursuant to the provisions of IC 4-22-2-19(c), this letter shall serve as written notification that sections 3, 7 through 11, 16, and 19 through 29 of the above-captioned rule do not comply with IC 4-22-2-19(c)(1). These sections create new certifications of *Rescue Technician-Rope Rescue*, *Rescue Technician-Surface Water Rescue*, *Rescue Technician-Vehicle and Machinery Rescue*, *Rescue Technician-Confined Space Rescue*, *Rescue Technician-Structural Collapse Rescue*, *Rescue Technician-Trench Rescue*, Instructor-Swift Water Rescue, Swift Water Rescue Technician, Public Information Officer, Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I and Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist II. The reasons for the noncompliance are as follows:

1. Pursuant to IC 22-14-2-7(c)(7), the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education is authorized to adopt rules to create a program of voluntary certification for fire service personnel and programs. This statute was effective in 1987.

2. The additions to the Board's rules contained in the sections cited above create classifications based on (i) the need to break out various types of rescue technician specialties to permit certification in only the areas that are needed for a particular fire department response, (ii) the necessity of providing a trained group of specialists in the area of swift water rescue, (iii) the growing importance of qualified personnel to interact with the media on behalf of fire departments, and (iv) the need for properly trained personnel to respond to the growing problem of fires set by children. These classifications were not contemplated at the time of the 1987 statute, and are extremely important in ensuring that appropriately trained fire and emergency response personnel are able to respond effectively and efficiently to the emergency needs of Indiana in the 21st century.

Please feel free to call me at (317)232-2226 should you have any questions or require further information concerning these certifications.

Sincerely,

M. Tracy Boatwright  
State Fire Marshal  
Board of Firefighting Personnel  
Standards and Education