



UTAH FIRE & RESCUE ACADEMY

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Dear Chiefs,

On May 16, 2018, the Utah Fire Service Certification Council approved a proposal that will separate the process of obtaining an Incident Qualification Card, or "Red Card," from the requirements of obtaining Wildland certification. Beginning at the time of approval by the Council, the Certification Office at UFRA will be the clearinghouse for red cards issued to Utah firefighters, and will issue red cards at Arduous, Moderate, and Light fitness levels depending on various position qualifications.

This change was initiated to make the process of obtaining a Red Card easier for, and more accessible to, the firefighter. This will allow all Utah fire department members to receive their Red Card without having to take the state certification exam. Departments will still have the option to test and receive certification, *but it will no longer be a requirement.*

How the process works:

- Departments will work closely with their respective Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands' Area Fire Management Officer (FMO) and/or Fire County Warden. The Area FMO will ensure all necessary training and testing for the Red Card is complete.
- Your Area FMO will enter all training and completion certificates into the IQS database before a Red Card is requested.
- The Department Chief/Training Officer will complete the new UFRA "Red Card Request Form" and send it to the Certification Office where the Red Card will then be issued.
- Departments may still take the state certification exams for Wildland Firefighter I and II. The process for requesting an exam will remain the same.

An information packet has been created to walk you through the new process. This packet can be found on the UFRA website under the "Certification" tab and is included with this letter.

Please do not hesitate in reaching out to our office for questions regarding this new process. It is with great excitement that we begin this new venture in the partnership between Forestry, Fire and State Lands and the Utah Fire & Rescue Academy, and continually look for better ways to serve our fire departments and firefighters.

Sincerely,

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