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To: Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:
New renewal cards

Recommended Actions:
Information Only

Background Information:
The Fire Engineering & Investigation (FEI) Division has numerous certifications and licenses. In current process an applicant applies for renewal of their license/certification issued an annual sticker to attach to their CAL FIRE license / certification card. The annual sticker shows their license/certification is valid for the year.

The licensing and certification programs were created through statute in the Health and Safety Code and fees are collected to cover the costs of the managing the programs. They are self-funded.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:
The FEI did an analysis to the cost and the stickers cost more than printing new cards. The processing time is the same or less compared to printing new cards. CAL FIRE is dedicated to providing the required services to our customers while limiting our costs. The issuing of new cards every year is a cost saving measure to ensure that the program is more efficient and fiscally responsible.

All annual renewals will be issued a new license / certification card. FEI is implementing the new process on January 1, 2025.
FEI will be conducting an information sharing campaign. The outreach to the industry will include an Informational Bulletin, emails, discussions at our advisory committees and written notification included with the new issued cards.

Potential Industry Impacts:

The change will have an implementation period of one year. During the year of 2025 there will be the two different valid cards: The ones with stickers issued in 2024, and the new cards issues in 2025. Both cards will be valid up to their expiration dates.