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**To:** State Board of Fire Services  
 Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee

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**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational (2007) Course Retirement

**Recommended Actions:**

Consent

**Background Information:**

State Fire Training (SFT) manages the curriculum and provides course completion diplomas for 163 courses. The Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational (2007), an FSTEP course, has been identified as outdated and recommends that course completion diplomas are no longer issued.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

SFT will fully retire the LARRO course on March 1, 2025.

FSTEP Course	Notes
Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational, 2007	25 deliveries in 2024

The instructional material in the LARRO (2007) course was included in the Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (RRA/O) course implemented in 2017 and 2021. LARRO remained a designated legacy course per stakeholder request with the understanding that the course would retire. The course does not comply with NFPA Standard(s), and the RRA/O course is the recognized industry standard with best, safe practices.

**In process Rope Rescue (2007) Instructor Candidates:**

Candidates actively pursuing LARRO (2007) instructor registration must submit all documentation postmarked on or before March 1, 2025. Any application postmarked after March 1, 2025 will be returned.

**Potential Agency Impacts:**

All instructors, agencies, and academies delivering courses are responsible for ensuring the most current curriculum is used.