



FCM 148-2016

FIRE CHIEF MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 16, 2016

TO: All Uniformed Members

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SUBJECT: **2017 WILDLAND SEASON SIGN-UP DEADLINE**

This letter is to serve as official written correspondence regarding eligibility and sign-up to be part of the Denver Fire Department Wildland Team for the 2017 season. We are moving up the timelines for next year to confirm interest from both returning Team members and new DFD employees to take advantage of expanded training opportunities after the 1st of the year.

Except for probationary Firefighters, all uniformed employees of the Department are eligible and encouraged to become a member of the DFD Wildland Team for the 2017 season. Interested employees, both returning and new, must complete the application process by February 1, 2017. If required by a position qualification, requisite training will consist of S-130/190 written and practical (minimums) and the corresponding Work Capacity Test (Pack, Field, or Walk). Pre-requisite training will vary for those positions not requiring the above minimums and will be made available by the Coordinator to each member.

Every member, regardless of wildland qualification, are required to have current defensive driving, attend the annual RT-130 Fireline Safety Refresher training, and attend the annual Wildland Admin Refresher. All training and refreshers must be completed by May 1, 2017. Additional training may be required for deployment on the engines, hand crew, or other fire-line positions as both qualified and trainees.

We are in the process of diversifying the 2017 Wildland Program for all new and prospective members to expand access to new training and deployment opportunities, including as Trainees. By diversifying, our goal is to encourage broader participation and take advantage of additional employee skills that are annually sought for wildland response and incident support. Our recent agreement with the National Fire Cache on the Federal Center will provide Team members access to local weekend plus shorter deployments as drivers and cache workers; by identifying non-

traditional skills, there are opportunities to participate as Technical Specialists in computers, GIS, and Hazmat; and for others there are paths into logistics, plans, and finance. Ultimately our hope is to expand the Department's presence, reputation, and brand as a regional and national wildland resource.

Further details and information regarding wildland training, trainee opportunities, and qualifications will be forthcoming as scheduling is completed. All returning and interested new members are encouraged to contact Jim Krugman, Wildland Coordinator to identify times to meet and discuss wildland training, development paths, and options for participation.

All returning 2016 Wildland Team members as well as interested first time members must indicate their interest confirmation for the 2017 season by no later than February 1, 2017 to James.Krugman@denvergov.org.

JK:kfc/H/FCM/2016/148-2016 2017 Wildland Season Sign-up Deadline

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