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Rule 4765-20-15 Voluntary surrender or drop back of firefighter, fire safety inspector, or hazard recognition officer certificate.

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(A) A holder of a current active firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate in good standing may voluntarily request for the holder's certificate status to be designated as retired by submitting a request to the division.

(1) Such request for retired status shall be in writing on department letterhead and include the following:

(a) Effective date of retirement; and

(b) Original signatures of department chief or program director/authorizing official, and the certificate holder.

(2) Such request for retired status is subject to the executive director's approval;

(3) A retired status approved by the executive director becomes effective upon the desired retirement date indicated by the certificate holder and their employer.

(B) An individual who changed the status of a certificate to retired pursuant to paragraph (A) of this rule and subsequently wishes to seek reinstatement of firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate shall comply with the reinstatement provisions and timeliness as set forth in rule 4765-20-08 of the Administrative Code.

(C) A holder of a firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate may voluntarily surrender the holder's certificate by submitting a written request to the division.

(1) Such request for surrender is subject to the executive director's approval;

(2) A surrender approved by the executive director becomes effective upon the date of such approval.

(D) An individual who surrendered a firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate pursuant to paragraph (C) of this rule and subsequently wishes to seek reinstatement of firefighter or fire safety inspector certification shall comply with the reinstatement provisions and timelines as set forth in rule 4765-20-08 of the Administrative Code.

(E) If a firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate is under investigation by the division, acceptance of surrender is at the discretion of the executive director.

(F) The holder of a firefighter certificate and/or fire safety inspector certificate is not eligible for drop back.