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Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4765-22-01 Professional standards of conduct for firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate holders.

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(A) A person issued a firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate shall not discriminate in the provision of fire services on the basis of age, race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or national origin.

(B) A person issued a firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate shall not misrepresent the person's professional qualifications or credentials.

(C) A person issued a firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate shall accurately document and maintain records of all approved continuing education courses the certificate holder completes in accordance with Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code. Upon request, documentation shall be provided to the division within the time parameters as set forth by the executive director with advice and counsel of the committee.

(D) A person issued a firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate who is disciplined for violations of Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code and the rules promulgated thereunder shall report the discipline to any and all fire related employers.

(E) A person issued a certificate to practice shall report to the division as soon as practicable any knowledge of a violation of Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code or the rules promulgated thereunder.

(F) A person issued a firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate who is convicted of any criminal offense, other than a minor traffic offense, shall comply with the following:

(1) Within fourteen days of the final sentencing of such offense, the certificate holder shall provide written notification of the conviction to the division;

(2) Within sixty days of the final sentencing of such offense, the certificate holder shall provide the division with all of the following:

(a) A certified copy of the judgment entry from the court in which the conviction occurred;

(b) A certified copy of the police or law enforcement agency report, if applicable;

(c) A bureau of criminal identification and investigation (BCI&I) civilian background check.

(3) Documentation required in paragraph (F) of this rule shall be acquired and submitted at the certificate holder's expense.

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(G) A person issued a firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate shall not commit fraud, misrepresentation, or material deception, or submit false or misleading information in any of the following:

(1) Applying for or obtaining a firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate;

(2) Renewing a firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate;

(3) Responding to audits conducted by the division or executive director;

(4) Responding to or complying with any other official request from the division or the executive director.

(H) When providing professional services, a person issued a certificate to practice shall exhibit respect for the needs and personal values of the public and their fellow service providers.

(I) Except as otherwise required by law, a person issued a certificate to practice shall maintain the confidentiality of all sensitive and protected information consistent with state and federal law.

(J) A person issued a certificate who is a witness to any violation of Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code and the rules promulgated thereunder shall cooperate fully with any investigation conducted by the division.

(K) A person issued a certificate to practice shall not engage in the illegal use or illegal acquisition of controlled substances, alcohol, or other habit-forming drugs or chemical substances that impair the certificate holder's ability to practice or provide service.

(L) A person issued a certificate to practice shall not aid or abet another to engage in the uncertified practice of fire services.

(M) A person issued a certificate to practice shall not misrepresent the person's professional qualifications or credentials.