TO: CTE Directors  
CTE Coordinators

FROM: Angel Malone  
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RE: COVID-19: South Carolina Fire Academy

The South Carolina Fire Academy has issued the following statement to the Office of Career and Technical Education regarding Firefighter certification:

The South Carolina Fire Academy will work with all high school programs once the students are allowed to return to school to ensure that all identified students have the opportunity to be assessed and have the necessary hands-on skills evaluations. The academy will make it a priority to get the hands-on skills evaluations to include “Live Burns” along with other evaluations completed as needed through the remainder of the school year, if permitted, and the summer for graduating seniors. The SC Fire Academy is also allowing online testing for the End of Course exams. All firefighting instructors currently have access to the assessments via blackboard.

For questions, please contact Steven Watterson at swatterson@ed.sc.gov.