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Dear Chief,

To further enhance the success potential of our (and your) Recruit Firefighters enrolled in Firefighter 1/Firefighter 2, we will be utilizing the following student-centered approaches. These are designed to not only get the Recruit "into the books" but also "engaged in your Department."

As you are hopefully aware, we have launched a program aimed at maximizing student success. Our students have been very successful using this format, with nearly a 96% passing rate. The students have weekly reading assignments as well as weekly multiple choice quizzes. In addition, we also issue a homework assignment which is given out on the weekend is due the following weekend.

The homework for Firefighter 1 is broken into two parts. The first is based on the assigned reading where the students have to research the requested information, complete the answers properly, and give the page number where the information was found.

The second, called "Local Information" is based on your Department stations, apparatus, equipment, and procedures. It is designed to get the recruit involved in their department from Day 1. This second portion also requires the signature of an Officer from your Department. We would hope that the department will assign a designee (Recruit Mentor) to assist with and sign for these assignments. Be advised that we warn the Recruits that fake signatures are grounds for dismissal so we ask that you or your designee keep track of this and support this excellent student-centered program and *your* Recruits. Firefighter 2 homework will not have any local information and need not be signed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us.

Thanks you for your cooperation and keep the troops safe out there,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Avillo".

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