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SUBJECT: Geographic Area Engine Academy

TO: Students

Congratulations, you have been selected to attend the Geographic Area Engine Academy, February 29th through March 11th, 2016. Class will begin at 1000 hours on February 29th and end at approximately 1200 hours on March 11th.

This course is located at the California National Guard Building, 47002 N. 45th St. West, Lancaster, CA 93536.

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY FOR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS. Alternates will be standing by to fill slots left by those who do not meet all requirements.

The Engine Academy is targeted to those employees currently filling the position of Engine Captain, Engineer, or Assistant Engineer. The Engine Academy course has been designed with the intention of *refining each student's skill within the position they currently occupy*. The student should already have driving and operating experience.

Trainee Prerequisites:

- I-200 Basic ICS
- S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use
- Minimum 40 hours driving/operating experience on a Model 62 or larger engine
- Current Incident Qualification Card indicating arduous fitness level. Light duty or restricted duty students may not attend.

Licensing Requirements:

CANDIDATES MUST HAVE ALL OF THESE LICENSES IN THEIR POSSESSION AT THE START OF THE ACADEMY OR THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND.

- **Valid State Driver's License (no permits will be accepted)**
 - Class B Commercial or better (not restricted to fire equipment)
 - Tank and Air Brake endorsements
- **Current DMV Medical Exam Card (DL-51A, Green Card)**
- **Current Government Driver's License (OF-346)**
 - 26,000+ GVW endorsement

Pre-Course Work:

Required pre-course work will be mailed to your training officer. The completed pre-work must be brought to class on the first day.

Students must also bring a DMV license printout, dated within one week of the course start date.

Equipment Required:

The trainee must arrive on the first day of class with the following safety gear: hard hat, leather gloves, safety glasses, nomex pants and shirt that are clean and in serviceable condition (no grease, oil stains, or ground in dirt, rips, or holes), initial attack web gear and proper fireline work boots. Each trainee must be in a clean uniform on the first day of class and throughout the Academy.

Tuition:

Tuition for this academy is \$3,500.00 per student.

Cancellations:

Cancellations must be made two weeks prior to the start of the course. If cancellations occur after the two-week cut off, your agency will be charged for tuition.

Lodging:

There is no lodging provided by Fox Field or the National Guard Armory. The following is a partial list of hotels in Lancaster.

Holiday Inn Palmdale-Lancaster
38630 5th St. W.
Palmdale, CA 93551
(661) 947-8055

Staybridge Suites Palmdale
420 W. Park Dr.
Palmdale, CA 93551
(661) 947-9300

Holiday Inn Express
43719 17th St West
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 951-8848

Embassy Suites Palmdale
39375 5th St. W
Palmdale, CA 93551
(661) 266-3756

Courtyard Palmdale
530 W. Rancho Vista Blvd
Palmdale, CA 93551
(661) 947-4100

Springhill Suites
1811 W. Ave J12
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 729-2390

Airport:

If you are flying to this session, your destination is Burbank (Bob Hope) Airport.

If you have any questions regarding this course please contact our training staff at (626) 574-5267 or email atcc@fs.fed.us.

/s/ Tracy McGuff

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