



## MEMO

**TO** Educational Training Agencies

**FROM** Bruce Trego – PA State Fire Commissioner

**CC** Thomas Cook – State Fire Academy Administrator  
State Fire Academy Staff

**DATE** May 31, 2020

**RE** Temporary Moratorium on Live Fire Training

### MESSAGE

As counties across the Commonwealth transition through reopening phases from red to yellow to green, the Governor's Office, PA Department of Health and CDC are issuing guidance documents to assist in decision-making for each phase of reopening. In some instances, we are receiving conflicting information about what is and is not permitted. This has led to confusion and many questions which the OSFC/PSFA are not able to answer at this time.

Based upon the fact we do not have clear guidelines to provide for the safety of all participants, OSFC/PSFA are implementing a temporary moratorium on Live Fire Training Commonwealth-wide. We are actively seeking clarification from both the Governor's Policy Office and the PA Department of Health. It is our intention to provide the Educational Training Agencies (ETAs) with clear direction in the next week. Our goal is to lift the temporary moratorium no later than June 30, 2020.

We ask for your patience as we work through the process to obtain and pass on to the ETAs appropriate answers/guidance to provide for the greatest level of safety for all participants. Remember our focus has been and will continue to be the health and wellness of all participants at any training event whether staff, instructor, student, auxiliary personnel or by-standers.

As always – Take Care and Stay Safe!