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To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: 
Interim Deputy Fire Chief Harry L. Martin, III

Re.: Request to Change Entry-Level Firefighter Agility Testing Time Limit

I request that the Vicksburg Fire Department entry-level firefighter physical agility test be changed to allow an additional two minutes for the run/walk portion. This change will be made in Vicksburg Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines, sections 9.1.1 subsection 15, 9.1.3 and 9.2. Change is noted in underlined, bold type.

PHYSICAL FITNESS STANDARDS FOR ENTRY-LEVEL FIRE FIGHTERS

- The recruit shall run/walk 1.5 miles in ~~14~~ **16** minutes or less.
- Job Performance Circuit (complete within 70 seconds)
 - Equipment Carry - carry two 35-pound dumbbells/kettlebells, one in each hand, a total of 75 feet past a marked finish line.
 - Hose Pull - drop to one knee and pull a 1.75" hose line hand over hand for 75 feet.
 - Victim Drag - grasp a 165-pound mannequin by the handles on the harness, located at the shoulders, and drag it 75 feet.