

Memo

To: Bob Barger, Director DFBLS
From: Paul Wobosel, State Fire Training Director
Date: 2/10/2010
Re: Letter of Resignation

Please accept this letter as my two-week notification of resignation. I offer to serve at your pleasure until Friday, February 26, 2010.

For the past 20-months, I have had the great pleasure under your direction to work with some of the most dedicated and talented people imaginable. The State Fire Training Certification model has made great advancements and the possibility to restore Outreach Training and certification for the rural and volunteer fire departments of Arizona was becoming a reality.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of funding for this initiative, the ability to provide service was lost when my staff was released through a reduction in force on January 6, 2010. With no viable solution at hand, I have decided to pursue other professional avenues.

In leaving, I must communicate my concern for the citizens and fire service of the State of Arizona which is the only state in the country that does not have the capability to provide fire training certification. This creates a tremendous liability for Fire Departments, Fire Districts, tax payers, as well as individual fire department members. Throughout the country, Fire Training Certification is viewed as a public safety initiative worthy of state oversight and financial support. I sincerely hope that our elected officials recognize the vital role they play in supporting public safety initiatives such as this.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve the fire service of the State of Arizona.