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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chief Mike Reilly  
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**FROM:** Cathie F. Hutchins *Cathie*  
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**DATE:** January 9, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Regulations Establishing Certification Standards for Fire Investigators  
19 VAC 15-30

In response to a request from the Department of Fire Programs, I have reviewed the above regulation. The purpose of this action is to repeal and replace the current training standards with the compulsory minimum training standards of the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1033, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator.

Upon review of the above regulation and accompanying documents, I find the regulation to be constitutional and consistent with the statutory authority granted by *Code* § 9.1-203.A. Additionally, I note that pursuant to *Code* § 2.2-4012.1, this regulatory action is being undertaken pursuant to the fast-track rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Process Act.

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