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Environmental Protection Division

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Georgia Fire Department Chiefs and Personnel

FROM: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Division

SUBJECT: Guidance for Acquired Structure for Live Fire Training

DATE: July 13, 2016

Fires set for training fire-fighting personnel are allowed when authorized by the appropriate governmental entity and guidelines set forth by the EPD Director are strictly observed. The following guidelines must be complied with in order to obtain written authorization from EPD to conduct live fire training.

Note: No authorization will be issued for the 54 counties in and around the Metropolitan Atlanta, Augusta, Chattanooga, and Macon Area from May 1 through September 30. The Ozone Non-Attainment Counties are Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Bibb, Butts, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Clarke, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Coweta, Crawford, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gordon, Gwinnett, Hall, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Lumpkin, Madison, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Paulding, Peach, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Putnam, Richmond, Rockdale, Spalding, Troup, Twiggs, Upson, Walton, and Walker.

- A. **Training must include both interior and exterior or only interior live fire training.**
- B. The following must be removed from the structure and its surrounding area and disposed according to State and Federal laws into an EPD-permitted Construction/Demolition or Municipal Solid Waste landfill.
 1. **Exposed** asphaltic materials (for example, roofing shingles), exposed natural or synthetic rubber, exposed plastics, exposed electrical wiring, and exposed thermal insulation.
 2. All materials containing asbestos greater than 1% by weight and asbestos-containing materials that would become friable when burned (for example, floor tiles and the mastic beneath).
- C. Structures used by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Georgia Fire Academy, Georgia Police Academy for the sole purpose of conducting Fire Arson training shall be exempt from item B-1 above.

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- D. Have the property owner arrange to have a thorough inspection the structure for asbestos-containing materials by a trained asbestos inspector. A "Project Notification for Asbestos Renovation, Encapsulation or Demolition" form is to be submitted to the Division 10 working days prior to the fire training exercise. This form is partially completed, **as if there is no asbestos present in the residential dwelling or facility**. Complete sections 2, 3B, 4, 5, 7 (only the last 4 lines referring to the project owner), and 9 (subsection referring to Certification of Information and Acknowledgement). The "Demolition Contractor" is the Fire Department if they are conducting Fire Training (because the demolition is by fire). Section 9, line 3 should be completed. If asbestos was present and the project previously abated, then complete Section 9, lines 4 and 5. There is no fee for notification. If the structure has asbestos-containing material, then an asbestos abatement contractor will need to submit a complete "Project Notification" form for the renovation/pre-demolition project and have the appropriate fees submitted. When the asbestos has been removed, the structure can be used for live fire training.
- E. The enclosed "Request to Burn Acquired Structure" form **must be** completed, signed, notarized, and returned to Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division.
- F. Property adjacent to the training site that could be affected by the smoke from the live fire training exercise (e.g., railroads, streets, highways, airports, heliports, nursing homes, hospitals, churches, or other facilities) shall be identified. These property residents shall be informed by the agency conducting the live fire training of the date and time. In the event the smoke becomes a problem or potential problem to the vicinity, all live fire training shall cease and the structure shall be extinguished.
- G. On the day of the live fire training, the agency conducting the live fire training must obtain a Daily Burn Permit from the Georgia Forestry Commission and place the number on the approved permit. The County Forest Ranger might direct you to the Fire Marshall, Fire Chief, or another person, depending on the individual county agreements. Write the Forestry's Permit Number of other appropriate authorization by local ordinance on the Authorization to Burn.
- H. The approved returned authorization is only good for the structure listed and must be posted in view of the general public during the live fire training.
- I. The property owner shall legally have the remains of the structure disposed in an EPD-permitted landfill.

Failure to obtain a written authorization or failure to comply with the guidelines above may cause the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to take adverse action in accordance with the Rules for Air Quality Control or Asbestos Removal and Encapsulation against the fire department or agency conducting the training.

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Request to Burn Acquired Structure

Fire Agency Information

(Type or Print)

Date: _____ Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Agency Head: _____

Fire Dept. Compliance Number: _____

Dates and times of live fire training: _____

Structure Information

(Type or Print)

Legal Property Owner: _____

Address of the structure to be burned: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Estimated total square footage: _____ Number of floors: _____

Type of roof: _____ Type of siding: _____

Permitted landfill used for disposal of structure: _____

Agreements

By the signature below I certify that I am the legal owner of the property on which the above-designated structure sets. Furthermore I certify that I have made arrangements and will legally dispose of any and all remains of the structure after the completion of the live fire training.

Legal Property Owner
(Print Name)

Legal Property Owner
(Signature)

Notary
(Seal)

By the signature below, I certify that I am the head of the above listed agency and that I have read and agree to follow all Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, and Air Protection Branch, recommended practices, and guidelines while utilizing the listed above acquired structure for live fire training.

Furthermore, I agree to assume all liability and agree to save and hold harmless The State of Georgia and any of its agencies or authorities, of an from all liability claims, demands, causes of action and possible claims whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury that may be sustained by persons or property resulting from the utilization of the above listed acquired structure for live fire training exercises.

Fire Chief or Agency Head
(Print Name)

Fire Chief or Agency Head
(Signature)

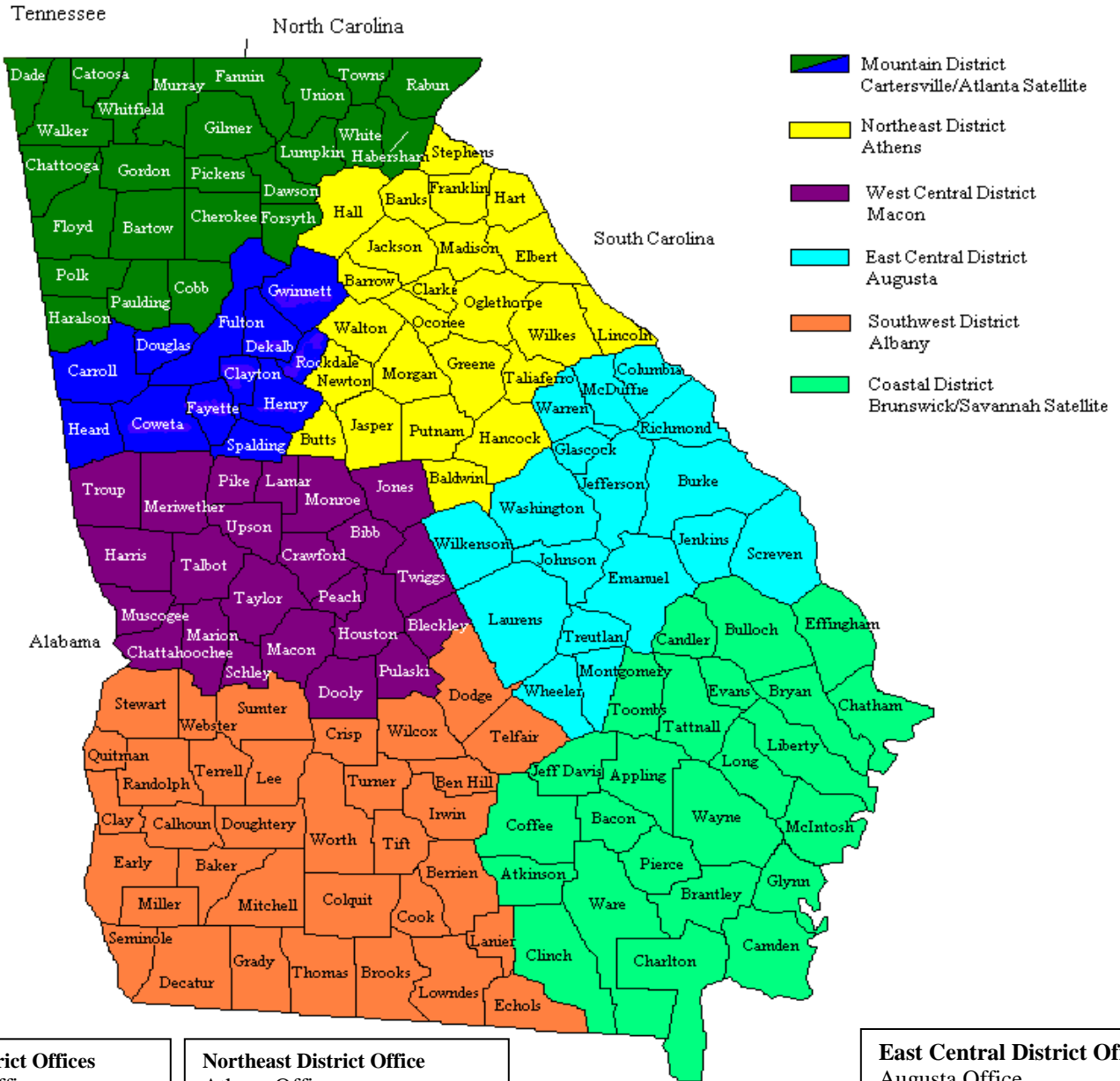
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