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MEMORANDUM

TO: Illinois EMS System Coordinator
Regional EMS Coordinators

FROM: Ashley Thoele, MSN, MBA, RN *ant*
Division Chief – EMS and Highway Safety

DATE: January 6, 2022

RE: First Responder Licenses going Inactive

Effective March 31st, 2022 all First Responder (FR) licenses that were issued without an expiration date will no longer be valid. All First Responder (FR) licenses will be made inactive April 1st, 2022 as to eliminate the First Responder (FR) license type.

In order to practice at a first responder level, you will need to gain an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) license.

Any First Responder who wishes to have their licenses grandfathered into this IDPH license, Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), must have an EMS System Coordinator fill out an application on your behalf to the Division of EMS before April 1st, 2022.

First Responders (FR) who qualify for a grandfathered Emergency Medical Response (EMR) must show proof of:

1. Continuing Education Hours throughout your First Responders (FR) license's life.
2. AED Training/ Competency

First Responders (FR) who are unable to gain Emergency Medical Response (EMR) licensure through the grandfathered process may choose to complete the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course and gain licensure that way.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at Katheryn.Lokaitis@illinois.gov.