Civil Service Commission Revives and Extends Public Safety Promotional Lists

TRENTON – The New Jersey Civil Service Commission revived and extended certain expired public safety promotional titles during a meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. These promotional lists were revived and extended in order to ensure that eligibles for public safety titles are available at all times.

Promotional lists for the public safety titles of Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Chief, Fire Officer 4, Deputy Police Chief, and Police Chief expired in 2020 and 2021 after their three-year duration. The Commission promulgated the promotional lists for these public safety titles to be extended for one year beyond their original expiration date, not to exceed four years, or until a new list becomes available, whichever occurs first. This is consistent with the Commission's policy, since 2004, to automatically extend the promotional lists of Fire Lieutenant through Battalion Fire Chief and Police Sergeant through Police Captain until a new list becomes available, or the list has reached its statutory limit of four years, whichever occurs first.

The Civil Service Commission suspended all promotional examinations in March of 2020 following Governor Phil Murphy’s Executive Order 103 which announced a State of Emergency that authorized all state Departments and Agencies to enact measures to respond to the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19.

“CSC, like many other Departments and Agencies within the State, has had to make major adjustments in the delivery of its programs and services in the best interest of the Civil Service workforce and the residents of the New Jersey,” said CSC Chair/Chief Executive Officer Deirdré Webster Cobb, Esq., “We are working on a plan to fully resume testing in the safest manner possible. Until then, we will continue to make adjustments where needed.”

In February of this year, the Civil Service Commission also extended all active eligible promotional lists for Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief, Entry Level Fire Fighter, Fire Chief, and Deputy Fire Chief.

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