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Date: May 9, 2022

Recipients: Advisory Committee Invitees

Subject: Fire Fighters' Personal Protective Equipment – Labor Code Section 147.4(c)
Revisions in NFPA 1851, 2020 edition

You are invited to participate in an advisory committee to be convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) staff. This is the first of the series of meetings to fulfill the requirements of Labor Code section 147.4(c).

Date and Time: June 9, 2022, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Topic: Revisions in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1851, Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting, 2020 edition

Venue: Video Conference Meeting via Webex
Members who have sent their RSVP will receive a separate e-mail with instructions on how to join

Please review NFPA 1851, 2020 edition as well as the attached agenda, roster, and proposed regulatory text. For this meeting, it would be helpful to have the NFPA 1851, 2020 edition readily accessible.

Please consider the potential effects of the implementation of the NFPA 1851, 2020 edition. Please consider implementation cost and sources of information that may be helpful to Board Staff in estimating the economic and fiscal impact to affected employers.

If you belong to an organization with more than two representatives, please designate only two spokespersons for the June 9, 2022 meeting. You may designate different spokespersons for different meeting topics. Please RSVP by May 16, 2022.

If you are unable to attend, please send me the name and contact information of an alternate representative. Written comments submitted by May 16, 2022, will be read at the meeting for consideration by the committee.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings; however, the Committee Chair may choose to limit discussion to committee members at their discretion.

Future meetings will cover the following NFPA standards, some of which are incorporated by reference in various sections of Article 10.1 Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment for Fire Fighters:

- NFPA 1971, Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting
- NFPA 1877, Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Wildland Firefighting Protective Clothing and Equipment
- NFPA 1977, Standard on Protective Clothing and Equipment for Wildland Fire Fighting and Urban Interface Fire Fighting
- NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness Program, Chapter 7, Protective Clothing and Protective Equipment

Your assistance in this rulemaking process is valuable and appreciated by the Board and the Committee Chair. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Maryrose Chan, Committee Chair, (916) 274-5723 or by email at mchan@dir.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Maryrose Chan
Senior Safety Engineer

Attachments:

Agenda
Advisory Committee Roster
Regulatory text (draft proposal)

cc: All Standards Board Members
Christina Shupe, Executive Officer, OSHSB
Steve Smith, Principal Safety Engineer, OSHSB
Lara Paskins, Staff Services Manager I, OSHSB
Jeff Killip, Chief, Cal/OSHA
Eric Berg, Deputy Chief of Health and Research and Standards, Cal/OSHA
Matt Kuzemchak, Area Director, Region IX, Federal OSHA