



Q and A From Webinar

<p>Can't small departments collaborate towards meeting these standards?</p>	<p>It may be possible for some of the requirements, however most of the requirements in this proposed standard will need to be carried out by individual departments.</p>
<p>Can you provide thoughts on how valuable it would be to try to get our town Select Board and local state representatives to support and even submit comments?</p>	<p>It would be very productive to have state and local officials submit comments. Their input would be very helpful in bringing further attention to the economic infeasibility of the requirements in this proposed standard. Especially since OSHA says in their economic analysis that local governments would be able to assist fire departments with the costs of this proposed standard.</p>
<p>Does Congress have any further votes on this or is it past that point?</p>	<p>OSHA, which is housed within the Department of Labor, is issuing this proposed rule, therefore it is an executive branch action being conducted through the federal rulemaking process. Members of Congress can comment on this proposed rule. However, Congress as a body hasn't and can't act on it at this stage, aside from possibly holding a hearing relating to the possible impact of this revised standard. Congress could take additional action if the proposed rule is adopted.</p>
<p>Is there a way to see what comments are being submitted?</p>	<p>Previously submitted comments regarding the proposed standard can be viewed here: https://www.regulations.gov/document/OSHA-2007-0073-0118/comment</p>
<p>Can our Firemanic Association submit comments, or does it have to come from individual departments?</p>	<p>Any association, department or individual member of the public can submit comments during this comment period.</p>
<p>How does the "significant remuneration" rule affect volunteers in an OSHA Plan State (NC)?</p>	<p>Since you are in a state with an OSHA plan, your department would be covered by this standard if the members of your department are compensated at a level above what is considered "significant remuneration." However, it is unclear what OSHA considers "significant remuneration." This is something we recommend you ask OSHA to clarify in your comments.</p>