



# Perfore We Begin This summary is a very general overview There are a lot of details that must be read in the rule This is a rule intended to improve safety, wellness, and readiness This is not legislation, it's rule making under authority delegated to OSHA by law

## What is OSHA 1910.156

- Was known as the "Fire Brigade Standard" Sept 12,1980
- Since then, there have been significant improvements in PPE and national consensus standards
- Following the terrorist attacks of September 11,2001 and other disasters, all government agencies, including OSHA, were directed to strengthen their preparedness to respond to terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies
- During that process OSHA identified gaps in the protections for emergency responders

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# Proposed Rule History Intended to revise the 44-year-old fire brigade standard Would broaden employee protections to all emergency responders Effort began around 2007 Has been review and in front of many groups and committees Published to the Federal Register February 5, 2024 Currently public comment period EXTENDED to July 22nd

Who It Applies To

Employers who are in states and jurisdictions that are covered by OSHA:

• Federal employers

• State and municipal employers who have adopted OSHA or have OSHA plans

• Private employers

This standard is for agencies or groups engaged in:

• Firefighting

• Emergency Medical Services

• Specialized rescue and response

• Ex. SAR teams, Dive teams, Water Rescue services

• Workplace emergency response teams (industrial brigades, for example)

Does not apply to law enforcement activities in a response

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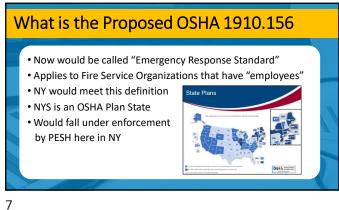
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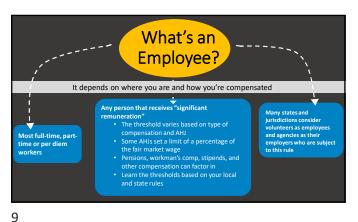
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What is the Purpose of Changes? • The plan clearly lays out and shows that responders have a dangerous occupation. • Case studies have been included to show that poor decisions, and lack of training have caused line of duty deaths and injuries • We ourselves, have provided data showing increased cancer rates, etc. to our personnel • As a collective responder industry, we have failed to step up and make changes that could have immediate impacts on firefighter safety • We often let "tradition and pride" get in the way

# **Responder Safety** Should be our number 1 focus. "If we fail to step up and take care of ourselves, someone else will do it for us through laws and regulations." OSHA felt additional measures were needed to address firefighter cancer, cardiac deaths, responder mental health and suicide

Why Does This Matter To US? 1. The proposed standard will bring extensive documentation, expenses, and changes to the Authority Having Jurisdiction AHJ 2. The proposed standard will increase time requirements and commitment for firefighters both paid and volunteer 3. Could increase liability issues for AHJ and Officers

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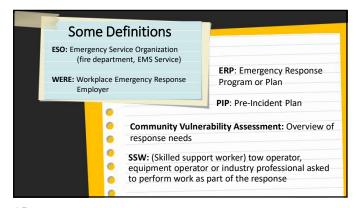
What Are Some Notable Changes?

1. Preplanning and administrative requirements. OSHA estimates 173 annual hours would be required to meet the regulations. They value that at \$4800 a year. (approx. \$27/hour)

2. Officer Requirements - Lt. and Captains would need Fire Officer I, Asst. Chiefs would need Fire Officer II, Chiefs would require Fire Officer III

3. Firefighters would require FFI and FFII, CPR and AED and additional trainings based on special hazards such as Haz-Mat, Vehicle Operations, etc.

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Significant Risk

Which aspects of the proposed rule exceed OSHA's statutory authority to only regulate significant risks (i.e., they address some lower level of risk)?

Technical Feasibility

Which aspects of the proposed rule are technically infleasible?

Economic Feasibility

Which aspects of the proposed rule are economically infleasible?

Incorporation By Reference

Are the proposed incorporated materials "reasonably available" to the regulated community?

What alternatives

What alternatives approach(es) would meet OSHA's statutory objectives, be feasible, and minimize impacts on small entitles?

Limiting Logical Outgrowth

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Important Update!

OSHA is asking that if we can't do something in the rule, to provide them with what we can do to make firefighting safer.

The Proposed Rule

We will be focusing on the Fire and EMS agencies affected:

• ESO shall establish an ERP for their respective jurisdiction

• ERP identifies response services the ESO will provide

• Expresses personnel and equipment needs of ESO

• Must contain all in writing policies and procedures of the ESO

• Must also contain a community vulnerability assessment identifying:

• Response needs

• What the ESO with provide

• How the needs that cannot or will not be met will be addressed

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# **Emergency Response Program**

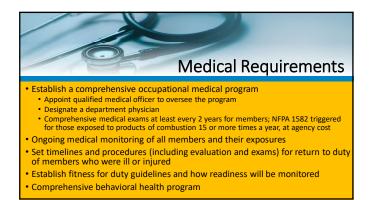
#### Addresses the following areas:

- o Team members responsibilities and participation based on role and
- o Comprehensive risk management plans
- o Medical and physical requirements

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- o Facility preparedness
- o Vehicle preparedness and operation
- Pre-incident planning
- o Incident management system use
- o Emergency incident operations
- Standard operating procedures
- o Post-incident analysis
- o Program evaluation
- Ongoing registry of vacant dwellings





Behavioral Health The program must include: Post-Incident Care Counseling Crisis Care **Evaluation & Diagnostic** Ongoing Monitoring Assessment **Referral Process** 

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# **Health and Fitness Program**

## Each ESO must establish a health and fitness program:

- · Appoint a qualified and trained health and fitness leader/officer/manager to oversee the program
- · Provides fitness and exercise guidance and health promotion educations and counseling to responders · Provides exercise training for responders
- · Execute a "fitness assessment" at least every three years for all responders



- Provide initial training, on-going training, refresher training, and professional development to all members based on their expected job tasks for their "levels and tiers".
- All instructors/trainers are qualified and will possess appropriate skills and knowledge
- Provide training in a language and at a literacy level that will allow responders to understand and that it allows time for questions and interactive learning.
- Provide training on all policies and procedure to include: the risk management plans, health and wellness program, Incident Management System, all aspects of PPE, fire extinguisher use.

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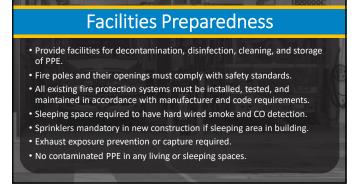
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**Training** 

# Training Standards Training will meet or exceed applicable standards: • Interior structural firefighters to NFPA 1001-2019 AND NFPA 1407-2020 (RIT Standard) • HAZWOPER First Responder for all responders • CPR and AED Training • Vehicle operators: NFPA 1002-2017 • Officers/supervisors/crew leaders/managers: NFPA 1021-2020 • EMS providers to appropriate state standards based on level of care



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Equipment & PPE

 At no cost, provide appropriate PPE and train them in proper use.
 New PPE shall comply with the applicable current NFPA standard.
 Permitted personal items must also be compliant, if authorized.
 All equipment and PPE must receive gross decontamination prior to departing an incident scene.
 No contaminated PPE or equipment in passenger compartments.
 All equipment must be tested and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines and applicable standards.
 Example – Hose testing and maintenance to NFPA standards and portable mechanical equipment to manufacturer's requirements.

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Vehicle Operations

No vehicle moves until all occupants are seated and properly restrained and they must remain so while vehicle in motion.

Responders providing care to a patient in a vehicle must be restrained any time doing so does not impact the ability to provide sufficient care.

Harnesses and fall protection provided for responders during pump-androll or other operations that must be performed while in motion.

Policy for the use of POV and other non-department operated vehicles when responding to, from or engaged in emergency response. Training is also required.

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# **Pre-Incident Plans**

PIPs must be performed on dwellings and occupancies that have been identified by the ERP to require them.

#### The PIPs shall address, but are not to be limited to:

- On-site contact persons
- Risks and hazards associated with the location or site
- Resources available to address potential emergencies
- Resources not available onsite and where they can be drawn from
- Unique challenges or characteristics
- Overview of potential incident action plan for a response

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# **Incident Operations**

- IMS at every incident with an incident commander or a unified command
- Safety addressed either by IC or UC or through designation of an Incident Safety Officer.
- · Crews must be rotated in prolonged or complex incidents.
- Control zones shall be established at every incident and marked whenever
- Personnel accountability system in place and utilized.

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# More Incident Operations Requirements

- Two-in, two-out when operating in IDLH
- Only SCBA or supplied air respirators with 5-minute rescue bottles in IDLHs
- Rapid Intervention Crew must be established as soon as reasonably feasible when operating in an IDLH.
- A communication plan and system for incident operations.
- Rehab and traffic control systems when the incident requires
- SSW must be provided adequate PPE, escort, and protected when engaged in work on behalf of the ESO.

## **Standard Operating Procedures**

- Meant to be adhered to unless operational needs require a justifiable change of actions
- Areas required to have SOP include but are not limited to:
  - PPE wear, use, cleaning, inspection and repair
- Post-incident decon for responders from gross decon to final personal hygiene
- Contamination prevention
- Radio communications procedures and Mayday procedures
- Vacant and unsafe dwelling operations
- Medical monitoring and Rehab
- Traffic incidents and crime scenes

# **Last Points**

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- ESO's ERP must be reviewed and updated annually, and older version must be retained 5 years.
- All ESO's are expected to comply with 23 reference standards where they apply to their ERP.

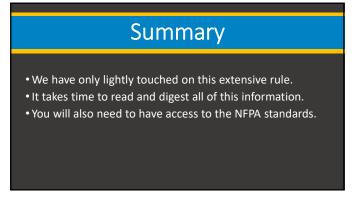
# What is IBR Anyway?

#### OSHA 1910.6 allows for:

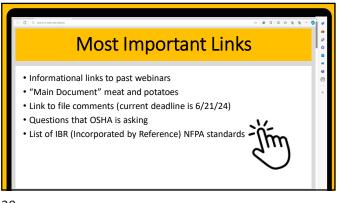
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- 23 NFPA and ANSI standards are to be IBR under this proposed rule
- Only available through purchase or "for inspection" through OHSA directly (1910.6(a)(4))

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What's Next?

 Everyone should read this proposed rule.
 Grab four different color highlighters:
 First, highlight what you are already doing.
 Next color, highlight what you could be doing without much "pain".
 Next color, highlight what you would be doing do but don't have time or money.
 Last color, highlight the things that would be a hardship if expected to accomplish them.

Remember, most of these things are for the good of your people.

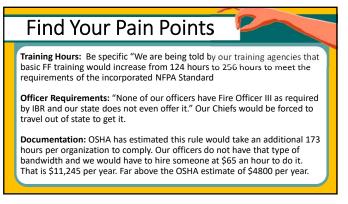
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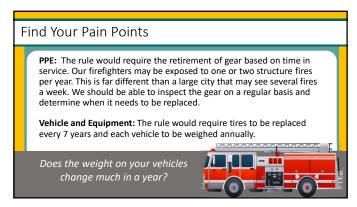
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Why Do You Need To File Comments?
Strength in numbers
OSHA is asking for information
Have our concerns heard
Every organization will be affected differently
Elected officials want to verify we are trying to work it out

\* Who are you: \_\_\_\_\_ 
• What does your community look like: \_\_\_\_ 
• How your organization save taxpayers money: \_\_\_ 
• Where does your funding come from: \_\_\_ 
• What challenges already exist: 
• Town is growing or shrinking \_\_\_ 
• Volunteer numbers are dwindling \_\_\_ 
• Tax rate is already stretched \_\_\_ 
• Cost of everything is exploding \_\_\_ 
• Social inflation \_\_\_

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• Ask for an additional extension of the comment period
• Common date is September 21, 2024

• Ask for a seat at the table (small to mid –sized departments)

• Ask to remove the IBR standards and have the specific parts added to the rule itself

• Ask to have the definition of "volunteer" clarified and consistent

• Is a multi-tier approach an option?

• Ask for a more realistic phase in schedule

• Removal of items that would be difficult for your department

• Ask for funding

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Emergency Response Standard

A Proposed Rule by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration on 02/05/2024

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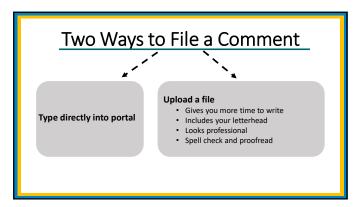
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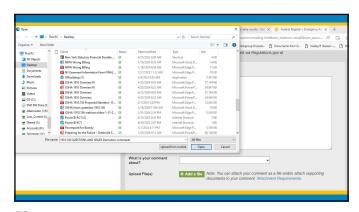
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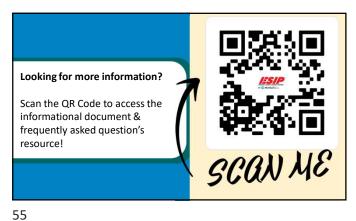


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