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IN HAWTHORNE, NEVADA**

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



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NSFA Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the spring time weather. I am writing to inform the membership of a few changes the Board has experienced since we last met. As some of you may or may not be aware, our President Marco Ortega stepped down from the board in the fall. While it was unfortunate, we as a Board have continued to move forward. At that time, your Board of Directors made a few key decisions for the remainder of the year. Senior Director Mark Flesher moved into an acting Vice President role, I was moved into an acting President Role, and Michael Miller was appointed to fill the subsequent vacant Director spot. Michael was the candidate with the next highest votes at conference.

Due to a few unforeseen events, the scholarship applications, Instructor of the year, and Fire Department of the year application deadlines have been extended until May 9th. This will allow us to give every applicant the opportunity to turn in their paperwork for review and consideration. Please turn in those Scholarship applications, Fire Department of the Year and Instructor of the year applications before the extended deadline and recognize those deserving individuals and departments.

Conference in Hawthorne is coming along and should be a great time as always. Your Board is dedicated to making sure that our Con-

ference is a success and that everyone in attendance receives the best quality training that can be provided. Please keep your eyes open for the Conference Flyer, it should be out very shortly. We look forward to seeing everyone in June.

Regards,

Ben Jenkins | 2015-16 NSFA President



LIFE CYCLE IN THE FIRE SERVICE

Young future firefighters watch as a fire truck and an ambulance respond to a call with lights flashing and siren blaring. Excitement runs through their veins as they see themselves in the truck geared up in turn out gear with their name on tail flap of their coat, soot on their helmet, and an air pack weighting down their shoulders. They see the firefighter in the left rear seat look directly at them and give them a two finger salute barely touching the brim of his helmet. Each knows that salute was directed to them telling them, "see you at the big one". They are 8 years old.

These young future firefighters grow up together learning of some of their friends Moms and Dads are volunteer firefighters. They grow older and learn that some of their friend's older brothers and sisters are attending a fire academy planning to be career firefighters. They learn that it depends on how big a town is if firefighters are volunteer or career. They learn firefighters are also EMT's, some basic and some paramedic. They learn they can join their local fire department as Explorers to learn more about the fire

service and help firefighters do things around the station.

These young firefighters attend their first FF1 session. They learn structure firefighting, wild land firefighting, Hazardous Materials, Vehicle Extrication. They attend their first EMT session and learn how to care for the injured. Both firefighters learn more and more. Their town grows to where more firefighters are needed during the day. Their volunteer department grows into a combination department. One firefighter decides to become a career firefighter the other decides to continue helping his dad with their local business and continues on as a volunteer.

Both once young future firefighters are now riding the fire trucks and ambulances responding to calls. One is riding in the left rear seat when he sees young future firefighters watching the truck go by with lights flashing and siren blaring. He looked directly at both and gives them both a two finger salute barley touching the brim of his helmet.

Both once young future firefighters are now well seasoned. Both visit the local school to talk to the kids about being a firefighter / EMT. As they finish their talk and answered all the questions and were ready to walk out when two young future firefighters gave them a, two finger salute barley touching their

forehead. Both stopped stood tall and returned the two finger salute. One responded to the Young future firefighters "see you at the big one".

It's a cycle of mentoring. Over the years much has changed in the fire service but one thing that has not changed is mentoring. Every fire fighter has a mentor. Every firefighter trains for the worst and prays for the best.

Seasoned firefighters, give them a two finger salute and watch their eyes as they look up to you as a friend they can trust and they may not even know your name. Be the part of the life cycle of a firefighter that keeps the fire service strong.

Al Drake

Firefighter /EMT /NSFA Director

TIPS TO PREVENT YOUR HOME FROM CATCHING FIRE IN A WILD FIRE

Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. Nearly 45 million homes abut or inter-

mingle with wildlands and more than 72,000 U.S. communities are now at risk. But by working together residents can make their own property - and their neighborhood - much safer from wildfire.

Before a wildfire threatens your area...

In and around your home

- Clear leaves and other debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks. This prevents embers from igniting your home.
- Remove dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house. Learn more about the [basics of defensible space](#) on the Firewise website.
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- Remove flammable materials (firewood stacks, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. Prune trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.

- Keep your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- Inspect shingles or roof tiles. Replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- Cover exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- Enclose under-eave and soffit vents or screens with metal mesh to prevent ember entry.
- Learn more about how to protect your home and property at www.firewise.org.

Creating an emergency plan

- Assemble an emergency supply kit and place it in a safe spot. Remember to include important documents, medications and personal identification.
- Develop an emergency evacuation plan and practice it with everyone in your home.
- Plan two ways out of your neighborhood and designate

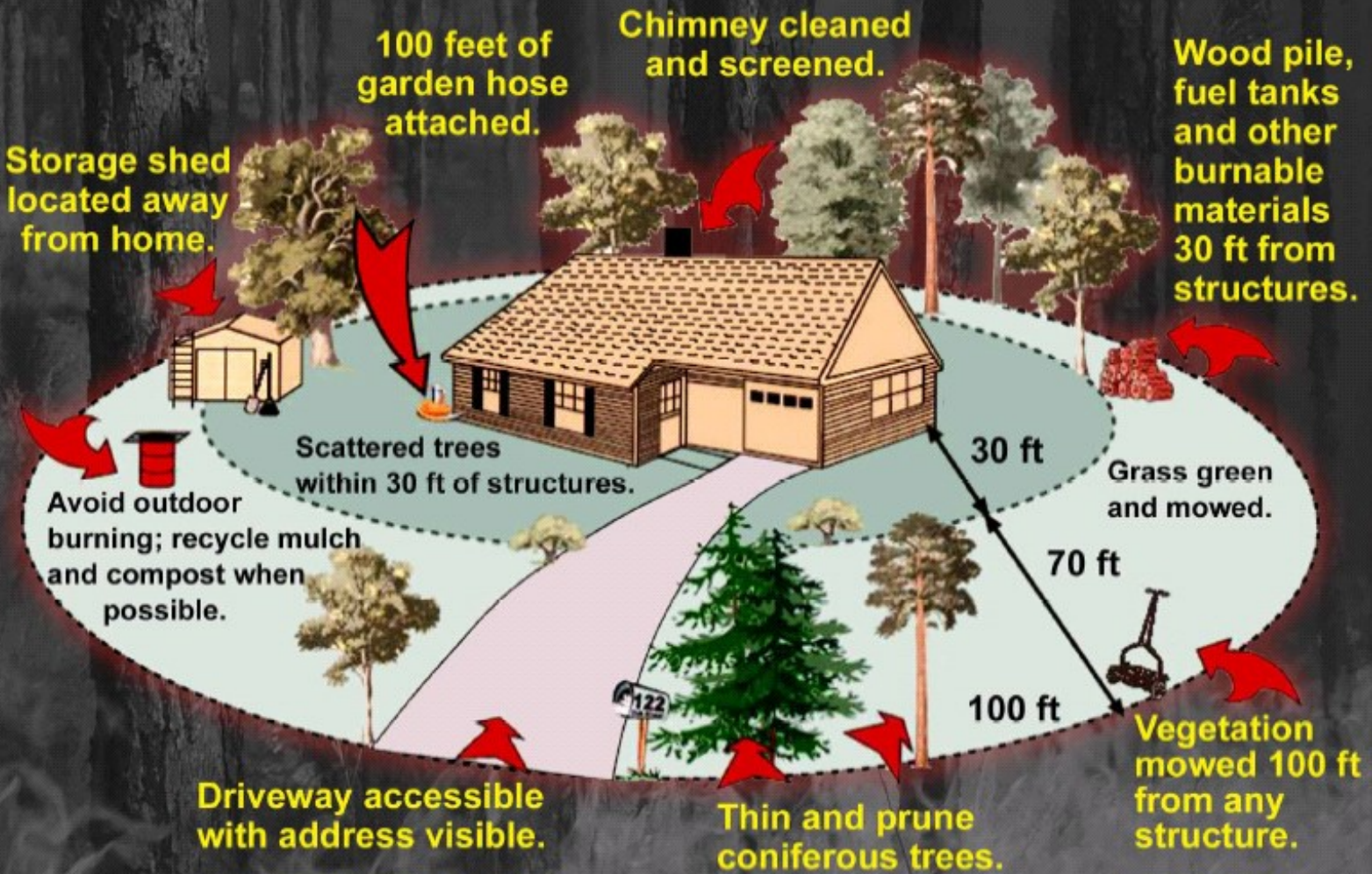
a meeting place.

- Learn more about emergency preparedness planning on NFPA's [emergency planning](#) webpage.

In your community:

- Contact your local planning/zoning office to find out if your home is in a high wildfire risk area, and if there are specific local or county ordinances you should be following.
 - If you are part of a homeowner association, work with them to identify regulations that incorporate proven preparedness landscaping, home design and building material use.
 - Talk to your local fire department about how to prepare, when to evacuate, and the response you and your neighbors can expect in the event of a wildfire.
 - Learn about wildfire risk reduction efforts, including how land management agencies use prescribed fire to manage local landscapes.
 - Learn how you can make a positive difference in your community.
- ### **During the time a wildfire is in your area...**
- Stay aware of the latest news and updates from your

Are you Firewise?



local media and fire department. Get your family, home and pets prepared to evacuate.

- Place your emergency supply kit and other valuables in your vehicle.
- Move patio or deck furniture, cushions, door mats and potted plants in wooden containers either indoors or as far away from the home, shed and garage as possible.
- Close and protect your home's openings, including attic and basement doors and vents, windows, garage doors and pet doors to prevent embers from penetrating your home.
- Connect garden hoses and fill any pools, hot tubs, garbage cans, tubs, or other large containers with water. Firefighters have been known to use the hoses to put out fires on rooftops.
- Leave as early as possible, before you're told to evacuate. Do not linger once evacuation orders have been given. Promptly leaving your home and neighborhood clears roads for firefighters to get equipment in place to fight the fire, and helps ensure residents' safety.

After a wildfire has been contained...

Continue to listen to news updates for information about the fire. Return home only when authorities say it is safe.

Visit [FEMA/Ready.gov](https://www.fema.gov/ready) for more information regarding wildfire after an emergency.

To see a graphic, Go to page 5

NEW E-ONE TITAN AT NAS FALLON

The NAS Fallon took delivery of the newest addition to its Crash/Fire/Rescue fleet, The Titan Force 4X4 exceeds industry standards with both safety and comfort in mind. This truck can



carry a crew of 5 while offering centrally located vehicle controls and displays for improved efficiency. The Titan is powered by the EPA Tier III compliant 665 horsepower Cummins QSX engine combined with an Allison EVS 4800 transmission offering a smooth ride, superior acceleration and reliability. The Titan holds 1585 gallons of water and 200 gallons of foam. A 1500

GPM pump, and external pump panels allow for the most unobstructed, ground level, enclosed storage space on the market.

LETTER FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT, STEVE MCCLINTOCK

Wow does time fly. It's that time already that Kids are getting out of school for the summer, all those June graduations that we attend, Fire season is just around the corner, we want to plan a vacation with our family and guess what else? It's CONFERENCE TIME IN HAWTHORNE

The board has worked hard to get this conference one of the best ever. If everyone remembers the conference was set for a different place (no need to mention where) and due to circumstances out of the Chiefs hands they had to bow out. It was not easy for that chief and his staff to say sorry we can't do it but they did and I tip my hat to them that they admitted they could not do it. Well one thing led to another and it was decided it would be put on in Hawthorne. It has been a lot of work trying to catch up and if you no-

ticed some of the deadline dates for awards were pushed back which gave you a little more time to get them in. Any way the conference is all set to be in Hawthorne. Get your registration form filled out and get it sent in. Hope to see you all there.

I would like to ask each one of you and you probably think I am a broken record but we really need your department's roster with a list of E mail addresses. We constantly hear that we need a complete and up to date data base with all members. We can only put in what we have so I ask you all again to please send your up to date roster in so we can get the data base updated. Thank you that would be greatly appreciated.

I am sure everyone knows of the shake up in the board after our last conference. As past President twice now I would like to recognize the NSFA Board of directors for stepping up and filling in where it was needed. They had a lot dumped on their plate but yet they all worked together and juggled things around to put all the pieces back together. It was kind of like Humpty Dumpty// To the NSFA boards of directors thank you for all each and every one of you do and I mean this from the bottom of my heart. And thank you to the families of these hard working dedicated folks for allowing them to do what they do. Thank

you

There are a lot of new benefits that the board has worked hard to get for the membership. They are working arm and arm with Jed Miner and Matthew Risher putting several packages together as well as the Fire Fighter Pre Paid Credit Card. Take a look at the NSFA.Org web site and see what all is new. If you have something different you would like to do for your department get a hold of Jed or Matthew and I promise they will make it happen.

In closing I would like to leave a thought with all of you.

Average price a home owner pays for Fire Protection is approx \$ 1.40 a day.

That same home owner has a smart phone and pays on average \$ 3.40 a day.

That smart phone won't die for you, protect your property, save your life, cut you out of a car after an accident or perform CPR on you.

Volunteer fire fighters do all that and much more.

You are Priceless

NEVADA DMV "F" ENDORSEMENT

Are you a Firefighter, farmer or military member who drives non-commercial heavy equipment? This endorsement is a limited exemption from commercial licensing requirements.

Amended Changes

Sec. 74. NAC 483.850 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.850 The following persons are exempt from the requirements of NRS 483.900 to 483.940, inclusive, and NAC 483.799 to 483.850, inclusive [:] , and sections 3 to 20, inclusive, of this regulation:

2. A firefighter or any other person who operates a commercial motor vehicle [,] in the performance of his or her official duties, including, without limitation, a fire truck, hook and ladder truck, foam or water transport truck, police SWAT team vehicle, ambulance or other vehicle [that is] used in response to emergencies, which is:

(a) Necessary to the preservation of life or property or the execution of emergency governmental functions;

(b) Equipped with audible and

visual signals; and

(c) Not subject to normal traffic regulation.

6. The holder of a driver's license who is exempt from the requirements of NRS 483.900 to 483.940, inclusive, and NAC 483.799 to 483.850, inclusive, **and sections 3 to 20, inclusive, of this regulation**, pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 or 2 of NAC 483.850, may operate a vehicle described in subsection 1 or 2 of NAC 483.850 only if the holder obtains an F endorsement on his or her driver's license. **An applicant who applies for an F endorsement who is exempt from the requirements of subsection 2 of NAC 483.850 must submit to the Department an application on a form approved by the Department that is signed and approved by:**

(a) A firefighting battalion chief or other designated chief officer of a firefighting agency;

(b) The chief of a law enforcement agency;

(c) The sheriff of a county; or

(d) Any other person associated with an agency who is exempt from the requirements of subsection 2 of NAC 483.850.

To Apply for Nevada's "F" Endorsement, please fill out and submit, <http://www.dmvnv.com/pdfforms/dp046.pdf> to your local DMV.

NVFC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OVERVIEW

The following is an overview of the legislative priorities and current status of the NVFC Legislative Committee. Please contact any of your Congressmen if you would like to support any of these movements. Legislative Committee is a very important part of the NVFC and I am very proud and grateful to have been selected by the council to serve on this committee – Michael Heidemann, Executive Director – NSFA.

Firefighter Cancer Registry Act (H.R. 4625)

Request: Co-sponsor H.R. 4625

What does H.R. 4625 do?

The Firefighter Cancer Registry Act (H.R. 4625) directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop a voluntary patient registry to collect

data on cancer incidence among firefighters. The registry will be used to establish and make possible nationwide monitoring of the incidence of cancer by collecting, consolidating, storing and making publicly available epidemiological information related to cancer incidence and trends among firefighters.

Why is monitoring firefighter cancer important?

For decades studies have indicated a strong link between firefighting and increased risk for several major cancers. The heightened incidence of cancer among firefighters has been attributed to their frequent exposure to a range of harmful substances. An extensive study published by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in 2014 found that firefighters were at an increased risk of being diagnosed with malignant mesothelioma and found potential links between exposure to fire incidents and heightened risks for lung cancer and leukemia, among several others.

Why do we need a national firefighter cancer registry?

Past studies examining cancer incidence among firefighters have been limited by the availability and standardization of important epidemiological data, relatively small sample sizes, inconsistencies in the operation-

alization of key terms and metrics, incomplete employment histories and an underrepresentation of minority, female and volunteer firefighters. A national cancer registry would provide researchers and public health agencies with more direct and comprehensive access to the specific set of information they need to conduct more robust, focused and epidemiologically rigorous research on cancer incidence among firefighters. It would also provide better information to firefighters on how to take precautions to reduce cancer risks in the future, as well as to researchers to be able to develop more sophisticated safety equipment and protocols to lower cancer risks.

H.R. 4625 was introduced on February 25 by Representatives Richard Hanna (R-NY) and Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)

Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act (H.R. 1171/S. 616)

Request: Co-sponsor H.R. 1171/S. 616

What does H.R. 1171/S. 616 do?

The bill would simplify how Length of Service Award Programs (LOSAPs) are taxed without increasing or reducing federal spending or taxes. Simply put, it eliminates burdensome and confusing IRS requirements that make it unnecessarily difficult for

departments to administer plans and for volunteer emergency personnel to receive benefits.

What is LOSAP?

LOSAP is a retirement account for volunteer emergency responders that approximately 20 percent of the 783,300 volunteer firefighters in the United States are enrolled in. Many communities provide modest financial incentives to their volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel to boost recruitment and retention and LOSAP is one of the most popular benefits.

Why is the current tax treatment of LOSAP problematic and how does H.R. 1171/S. 616 address this?

There are three specific problems that the bill would fix:

- The tax code specifies that employer contributions into a retirement account cannot exceed compensation in the form of salary, wages or other benefits. This might make sense for an employee who receives a regular wage or salary in addition to pension contributions, but for volunteers who receive no compensation outside of the LOSAP it is problematic. As a result, many LOSAPs are either not funded or the funds are set aside but not guaranteed to the individual volunteers. Consequently, if the entity responsible for the LOSAP declares bankruptcy, volunteers could lose

their benefits. Additionally, if a volunteer is injured in the line of duty they could be forced to take their LOSAP early and be subject to tax penalties and in some cases a much higher tax rate. H.R. 1171/S. 616 would allow sponsors of LOSAPs to elect to make plan contributions guaranteed and portable.

- Under current tax law there is a \$3,000 limit on annual contributions into LOSAPs. Established in 1996, the cap has not been adjusted for inflation. H.R. 1171/S. 616 would raise the annual contribution limit to \$5,500 and create a mechanism for adjusting the cap for inflation.

- Many volunteer fire and EMS agencies are private entities, although they are nonprofit and are funded and authorized to operate by local government units. Because the tax code has different rules for government- and privately-maintained deferred compensation plans, LOSAPs for private, nonprofit volunteer emergency service agencies fall into a gray area. H.R. 1171/S. 616 specifies that LOSAPs funded by private, nonprofit emergency services agencies be treated as governmental for the purposes of taxation.

The Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act was introduced on February 27, 2015 in the House (H.R. 1171) by Representatives Peter King (R-NY) and Bill Pascrell (D-

NJ) and in the Senate (S. 616) by Susan Collins (R-ME) and Charles Schumer (D-NY).d was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program

Request: Provide a minimum of \$16 million for VFA in FY 2017

What is VFA?

VFA is a grant program that provides funding to rural fire departments on a 50/50 cost share basis to pay for training,

equipment, and protective clothing to help them prepare for wildland fires. VFA is administered by the U.S. Forest

Service and funds are distributed by state forestry agencies. In FY 2015 VFA assisted 9,318 communities, provided

training to 22,272 firefighters and facilitated the purchase, rehabilitation and maintenance of \$8.1 million in equipment.

Why is VFA important?

More than 80 percent of initial attacks on wildland fires in the United States are provided by volunteer fire departments

that frequently lack the financial resources to adequately equip and train their firefighters. According to the Third Needs

Assessment of the U.S. Fire Service report published in 2011, 68 percent of all fire departments that are responsible for

wildland firefighting have not formally trained all their personnel to the recommended national standard. When local

fire departments are unable to suppress wildland fires during the initial phase, the fires spread and state and federal

firefighters are deployed. This is an extremely expensive process that can cost the federal government anywhere from

hundreds of millions to more than billions of dollars in fire suppression costs in a single year depending on the severity of the fire season.

Why should funding for VFA be restored?

The costs of wildland fire suppression are increasing as commercial and residential development pushes further into the

wildland/urban interface (WUI). At the same time, federal funding to help volunteer fire departments prepare for

wildland fire suppression has dwindled. VFA funding has been

reduced from \$16 million in FY 2010 to \$13 million in FY

2016. The President's budget request for FY 2016 proposes to flat-fund VFA at \$13 million.

Requests for funding through VFA, meanwhile, have more than doubled since FY 2009. To deal with increasing demand

even as available funding has been cut, states have had to reduce grant awards, give out fewer grants or both. Restoring

VFA to \$16 million would allow states to fulfill more funding requests and help volunteer fire departments prepare to

deal with wildland fires.

The NVFC has asked House and Senate Appropriators to provide \$16 million for VFA in the FY 2017 Interior, Environment

and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act (H.R. 4365)

Request: Co-sponsor H.R. 4365

What does H.R. 4365 do?

The Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act (H.R. 4365) ensures that qualified EMS personnel can

continue the longstanding practice of dispensing pain reduction

medications based on standing orders from a medical

director. The bill also clarifies that EMS agencies can continue to receive, transport and store controlled substances that

are currently commonly administered.

Why is H.R. 4365 necessary?

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has recently expressed the view that the Controlled Substances Act forbids

paramedics from administering controlled substances except under direct orders from a physician. Communicating with

a physician during every emergency medical call and for every patient would risk delays, create confusion and

compromise patient care. Under the existing system, qualified emergency medical personnel operate under standing

orders developed in accordance with state law by the medical director of each local emergency medical agency that

describe in detail the dosages and conditions under which controlled substances may be administered.

H.R. 4365 was introduced on January 12 by Representative Richard Hudson (R-NC) and Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) and was

referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary.

Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (H.R. 2752/S. 609)

Request: Co-sponsor VRIPA

What does VRIPA do?

The Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (VRIPA) allows communities to provide volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel with property tax reductions and/or up to \$600 per year of recruitment and retention incentives without those benefits being subject to federal income tax and withholding.

Why do communities provide recruitment and retention incentives?

A volunteer firefighter in the United States donates services worth, on average, approximately \$18,000 per year to the department that he or she belongs to. Without those donated services many communities would be unable to provide emergency services protection at all while others would be forced to raise taxes to pay salaries and benefits for full- or part-time staff.

Unfortunately, emergency services agencies are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit and retain the next generation of volunteers. Over the past six years the number of volunteer firefight-

ers in the United States has declined by 41,000 or about five percent. At the same time, in small communities where volunteer firefighters are nearly ubiquitous, more than 30 percent of firefighters are 50 years of age or older, up from just 18 percent in 2000.

In order to bolster recruitment and retention many fire and EMS agencies now provide non-monetary gifts, reductions in property taxes or other fees, per-call payments, stipends and/or retirement benefits. Volunteer benefits are typically small but demonstrate community support, which builds morale.

Why should minor volunteer benefits be exempted from taxation as income?

As volunteer incentives have become more common, the Internal Revenue Service has made ensuring that benefits are properly reported and taxed a priority – at least in some parts of the country. A decade ago, volunteer fire departments in Oregon and Connecticut were audited and fined for improperly reporting benefits. Since then the NVFC has heard from departments in other states that had corrective actions initiated against them by the IRS.

Concerns over becoming the target of an IRS investigation only add to the significant burden that having to process tax

paperwork and withholding for dozens of volunteer emergency responders imposes on small communities that may not employ anyone or have administrative staff. Passing VRIPA would allow agencies to provide minor benefits without having to worry about being audited by the IRS. It would also enhance the incentive value of volunteer benefits by allowing individuals to keep the entire amount.

H.R. 2752 was introduced by Representatives John Larson (D-CT) and Dave Reichert (R-WA) on June 12, 2015, and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. S. 609 was introduced on February 27, 2015, by Senators Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Susan Collins (R-ME) and referred to the Committee on Finance.

United States Fire Administration (USFA)

Request: Ask appropriators to provide \$45.6 million for USFA in FY 2017

What is USFA?

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) provides training to approximately one million fire and emergency services personnel. USFA also performs research and collects data specific to the fire service and fire service activities and educates the public on the importance of fire safety. The long-term health of USFA and its National Fire

Academy (NFA) are critical to the fire service.

Why is USFA important?

Access to training is a significant problem in the volunteer fire service. USFA delivers training directly to individuals through NFA and remotely through online course offerings. It also assists state fire training academies to be able to offer services in rural areas typically served by volunteer agencies that tend to lack resources and access to training.

Since 2002, USFA's funding has been cut by more than 31 percent. Past funding reductions have resulted in delays in the development of new courses, revisions of existing curriculum and facilities maintenance. The President has requested \$40.7 million for USFA in FY 2017, proposing to reduce support for state training academies, NFA course delivery, revision and development efforts, and funding for wildland fire initiatives.

Why should funding for USFA be restored?

Even as funding for USFA has been reduced, operating costs have increased. Travel stipends for students attending classes in Emmitsburg are up 22 percent since 2010 and as a result more than 2,000 qualified applicants have had to be turned away over the past two years. Similarly, the funds that USFA gives to

state fire training academies to teach National Fire Academy courses at the local level have been static for years and consequently, the number of students trained has dropped by about 40 percent since FY 2010.

NSFA CONFERENCE UPDATES

81st Annual NSFA Training Conference

Where: Hawthorne, Nevada, Map

When: June 22nd–25th, 2016

It took us some time to get it ready for you, and now you can register for all the activities that are going to take place during this year's conference!

Before you register make sure your NSFA dues are up-to-date. NSFA Membership Application

Ready to register?

Fill out, print and mail the [81st Annual Training Conference Registration Form](#), with your payment, to:

Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Department
PO Box 1095
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415

Make all checks payable to Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Department.

Register before June 3rd to avoid a late registration fee! If you register after June 3rd, please include the additional \$15.00 Late Registration Fee in your total due. Also, meals may not be available and a refund

will be given. Again, please return conference registration form and payment to the above address.

Event Highlights

Wednesday will start with the golf tournament at the Walker Lake Golf course followed by a barbecue also held at the course which is in great shape with a new gazebo recently installed.

Thursday will start off with manipulative skills followed by a brand new presentation by Ron Roy titled – Who is speaking For Your Department and What the Hell Are They Saying. Ron will be followed by Paul Burke from Department of Emergency Management presenting the introduction to “Virtual Search” this is an extremely interesting program and will be expanded on during the afternoon break out session. Also on Thursday there will be a hands on rope rescue program held on the Army Depot limited to 15 persons (early sign ups will be a good bet). Beginning on Thursday and concluding on Friday there will be a National Fire Academy class (00290 Training Operations in Small Departments). The full schedule will follow soon.

Friday will again start with the manipulative skills competition and the highlight of the day will be an 8 hour hands on high angle rescue class held right in the

parking lot at the El Capitan utilizing the training tower from North Lake Tahoe FPD. Of course there will be live burn props from the State Fire Marshal Office and our own Mark Flesher will be instructing a session on Selection, Care and Maintenance as well as Proper Usage of Your PPE. We will also provide a Train-the-Trainer class for the NVFC Wildland Fire Assessment Program.

Horseshoes and the NEW! Tricycle Race

The annual horseshoe tournament will be held at the V.F.W. and a new event for us – tricycle races will take place as an evening activity (I have seen this and it will prove to be quite fun and entertaining).

Hotel Accommodations

The El Capitan Hotel Casino will be the host hotel and have just remodeled their rooms (a huge improvement) and have given us a special rate of \$59.00 – just mention NSFA16 for the rate.



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SPRING 2016
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WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE PUMPER!

Would you like to write an article for a future Pumper? You can contact **Mark Flesher** at

MFlesher@nsfa.org

Please include in the E-Mail, your name and the title of your article. Please Send the article in a format fitted for The Pumper.

If any additional information is needed we will contact you through your E-Mail or phone.

OR you can submit the pumper to <http://nsfa.org/pumper/>

Just fill out the form and it will be sent automatically to the editor!

Come visit us at:
<http://www.nsfa.org/>



Registration Form

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ APT #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Department Affiliation: _____ Rank: _____

Department Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

ITEM	QTY	COST	TOTAL
NSFA Membership Dues—FY2016			
NSFA Regular Membership	_____	\$15	_____
NSFA Associate Membership	_____	\$20	_____
Registration Fees			
General Member Admission	_____	\$25	_____
Associate Member Admission	_____	\$15	_____
Spouse or Guest	_____	\$8	_____
*Late Fee (After June 2nd)	_____	\$15	_____
Wednesday			
NSFA Reunion BBQ	_____	\$20	_____
Golf with Cart	_____	\$25	_____
Thursday			
Lunch—Burke's BBQ	_____	\$12	_____
Spouse—Spa trip to Double Eagle Resort (treatments à la carte)	_____	\$25	_____
Dinner—Chicken & Ribs	_____	\$16	_____
Horseshoe Tournament	_____	\$15	_____

ITEM	QTY	COST	TOTAL
Friday			
Lunch—Deli Sandwiches	_____	\$8	_____
Trike Races	_____	\$10	_____
Spouse—Wine Walk	_____	\$15	_____
Dinner—Burke's BBQ	_____	\$17	_____
Saturday			
Lunch	_____	\$8	_____
NSFA Banquet	_____	\$25	_____
			Total: _____

Payment Method

Payment Via Check Check # _____

Payment Via Visa Debit/Credit Card

Card Number# _____

Exp. Date(MM/YY) ____/____

Name on Card _____

Please make all checks payable to Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Department.

Please submit this form and your Payment to:
Hawthorne Vol. Fire Department
PO Box 1095
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415

*Register before June 3rd to avoid a late registration fee! If you register on or after June 3rd, please include the additional \$15.00 Late Registration Fee in your total due. Meals may not be available and a refund will be given. Again, please return conference registration form and payment to the provided address.

Questions? Contact Mike Heidemann at mheidemann@nsfa.org



Nevada State Firefighters Association, Inc.

Membership Application Form



NSFA Membership runs from July 1st of each year to June 30th of the following year. Please return a copy of this application with your remittance. This application form will serve as an invoice for those departments and/or agencies requiring one to process payment. Additionally, under current publishing arrangements, we are now able to mail individual editions of the NSFA Pumper and Newsletter to our all Regular, Associate and Life Members, provided we have your address.

MEMBERSHIP DEFINITION

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Active Members are members of career, combination, and volunteer fire departments and members of the State Fire Marshal's division whom are of good moral character and American citizens. Membership Dues are \$15.00 per year.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate Members shall be fire commissioners, city, county and state officials; individuals representing firms and corporations interested in the protection of life and property against fires; those supplying equipment and accessories; and other persons whose business brings them into personal contact with fire departments. Membership Dues are \$20.00 per year.

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members shall be those persons who have been a member of this Association for ten or more years and have retired from active fire service. Active life members shall pay no dues but shall have all the rights of membership. Membership Dues are No Charge.

Please include a Regular, Associate and/or Life Membership roster with home addresses or print each member's name, home address and type of membership on the backside of this application form. If filing this membership application for yourself, please use this side of the form.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Name		Type of Membership { REGULAR { ASSOCIATE { LIFE	
DEPARTMENT/AGENCY NAME		STATION #	YEARS OF SERVICE
MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER(S) HOME: () - - WORK: () - - FAX: () - -		E-MAIL	
CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE	PHONE NUMBER(S) HOME: () - - WORK: () - - FAX: () - -		

NUMBER AND TYPE OF MEMBERSHIPS

NUMBER	TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	AMOUNT DUE
	REGULAR MEMBERSHIP(S) @ \$15.00 PER MEMBER	\$
	ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP(S) @ \$20.00 PER MEMBER	\$
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP(S) @ NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE
TOTAL DUE NEVADA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION		\$

{ CASH { CHECK

PLEASE REMIT MEMBERSHIP DUES TO:

Nevada State Firefighters' Association, Inc.
PO Box 907
Lovelock, Nevada 89419

NAME	E-MAIL ADDRESS			TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE
PO BOX OR STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	
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