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Emergency

911

Fire meeting on December 7th, 2022, at 1746.

We will have Ladder training and post training after the meeting at 6 pm tonight.

11/02/22 minutes approved by Tom W. and seconded by Adrien K.

Old business none.

New business Received information on PEFAS in fire gear from Norm Peterson.

Meeting Adjourn by Adrien K. seconded by Tom W.

Attendance, Notes, and Agenda attached.

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MEETING DATE: 12/7/22 MEETING TIME: 1746

Extra People
FIRE PRACTICE ATTENDANCE & MEETING SIGN-IN:

TRAINING SUBJECT: Winterizing

Roberta Gast

Truck and supplies

Yolan Mistole

Norm Peterson

Kay Hoff

1. Meeting call to order
2. Open Meeting Statement
3. Approval of ~~minutes~~ Minutes

MOTION BY: John M

SECONDED BY: Adrien K

- ~~4. Appointment of New Secretary~~

NEW-APPOINTED SECRETARY: _____

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

None

PFAS in gear given by Norman Peterson

7. Policies & Procedures

X

8. Adjourn

MOTION BY: John M.

SECONDED BY: Ray W.

1748

FIRE TRAINING AND MEETING

PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	TRAINING	MEETING
1 John W. [Signature]	[Signature]	✓	✓
2 Edmund Willard	[Signature]	✓	✓
3 F. [Signature] Robert S.	[Signature]	✓	
4 Kirby G.	[Signature]		
5 Adrien K.	[Signature]	✓	✓
6 Thomas W.	[Signature]	✓	✓
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INFOGRAM

Firefighter Turnout Gear Associated with Health Risks

Posted: Sept. 15, 2022

IAFF and Metro Chiefs warn about cancer risk from wearing protective gear with PFAS.

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association (Metro Chiefs) released a joint statement [PDF](#) warning firefighters that synthetic chemicals in their protective gear are associated with various health risks, including an increased risk of liver and kidney cancer.

The chemicals responsible are a group of fluorinated compounds called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances commonly referred to as PFAS. They are used in firefighter turnout gear to increase its ability to repel oil and water.

Although the IAFF and Metro Chiefs' joint statement advises firefighters to reduce their exposure to PFAS by only using protective gear when necessary, it also emphasizes that wearing all personal protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus during firefighting, overhaul and while working in smoke is still the best first line of defense for limiting exposures to fireground contaminants.

Due to mounting evidence of the health and environmental risks, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has increased regulations limiting permissible uses of PFAS. Because of these EPA actions, more PFAS-free products should be produced. The IAFF and Metro Chiefs advise fire departments to replace current gear with equivalent PFAS-free gear when it becomes available.