

Thursday September 29, 2022 - JOHSC Meeting Summary

Dashboard-Patrick

- 8 weeks of activity
 - COVID number of incidents showing a decreased trend
 - Increase in loss of time Incidents
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Addition of Agenda Items from Dashboard

- Review of working Alone SOPs/SOGs as it pertains to all members
 - Request a review by corporate security of Fire Station security across the city, due to vehicle strikes and incidents of civilians gaining access to personal vehicles and fire stations
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Headsets and in cab communication

- Currently the RFP is out to tender.
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PPE (Protective Vests)

- Awaiting information from provincial OH&S meeting on October 5.
 - Update next JOHSC meeting, if all controls have been exhausted then an increased level of PPE may be pursued.
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FDC Thread Issues

- Business case for 5 hose shackles have been approved.
- Will be deployed as they are made available.
- Awaiting information back for final number that will be assigned to engines. (5 vs. 6)

PFAS (Polyfluoroalkyl Substances)

- PFAS material is not sprayed on FR uniform issue, the substance may be present in the materials fibres but assumed much less transmissible to members because of this.
- Current risks to membership:
 - Class A foam - manufacturer claims to not have PFAS in their foam, this is going to be verified by management
 - Class B - Confirmed contains PFAS. This is to improved the products effectiveness, without PFAS in class B suppression efforts would require roughly the double amount of concentrated to produce the same effectiveness as class B with PFAS
 - Duty gear - A health and safety initiative to test all of CFD current gear that members wear to determine the exact amount of PFAS in this gear. Current manufacturer information is unclear on this.
- Potential for a push towards a dual certified garment that would be PFAS free and provide protection at all incidents that are not structural firefighting.

Blue Emergency Lights

- Management currently has a letter into to the Director at the Alberta Minister of Transport, in hopes of being included in the trial to add a blue coloured light to the emergency lighting pattern currently deployed by CFD. This is in hopes to increase visibility in all situations but particularly low visibility conditions.
- Awaiting response from government