

Submission to the Review of the Fire Services

To: Mr. David O'Byrne - for Minister Emergency Services

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Notes of submission addressing Terms of Reference:

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(a) All Volunteer Fire Fighters be provided with back-up of any protective clothing to ensure clean, adequate, protective clothing for ongoing use.

(b) Occupational Health & Safety best practices cannot be achieved whilst Volunteers are not adequately represented by Volunteer Health and safety Representatives. The current Law does not recognize the Volunteer Fire Fighters the same as Career Fire Fighters. (Health and Safety Representatives are different than Safety Officers)

(d) Support is needed for daytime weekdays only in busy areas of concern (fringe areas)

(h) Employers to be adequately supported for allowing and releasing Volunteers for Fire Fighting duties.

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