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L E Minnick
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Dear L. E. Minnick:

This is in response to your letter of April 19, 1992, in which you ask whether your volunteer fire department would be required to comply with the OR-OSHA safety and health standards.

If your volunteer fire department meets either one of the two following conditions then your department would be required to comply with the OR-OSHA regulations.

Condition 1

If the agency or controlling organization having jurisdiction over the volunteer firefighters elects to have workers' compensation coverage, voluntarily or by law, then the volunteer department would need to comply with OROSHA standards.

Condition 2

The volunteer fire department is considered an employer if the volunteers are paid a remuneration of any kind, are subject to the direction, supervision, and control of the volunteer department and the department has the right to discharge any volunteer whenever it sees fit to do so.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please call me at (503)378-3272.

Sincerely,

Marilyn K. Schuster, Policy Manager
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