

I am a volunteer fire fighter with the Nashwaak Valley Fire Department and I support the position paper as submitted by the VFIS requesting changes to the Compensation Act as it pertains to volunteer fire fighters. I also want to see changes in the way WHSCC award compensation for injured volunteer fire fighters. I was injured while on duty and since I am self employed received very little compensation (% of my net income). There is a need to make changes since the process is designed for employees and does not take into consideration that a self employed person still has to make payments on rented/purchased equipment, phones, rent, etc. even though they are not able to work. I also lost thousands of dollars in contract I was unable to fulfil. I know I am not the only self employed fire fighter and would be pleased to discuss this further.

Regards

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