MEMORANDUM

To: NFPA Technical Committee on Fire and Emergency Service Organization and Deployment-Volunteer

From: Jenny Depew, Administrator, Technical Projects

Date: September 18, 2013

Subject: NFPA 1720 Second Draft FINAL Editorial Clarification Notice

Editorial review of the 2014 edition of NFPA 1720 found that changes to Annex A.5.4.1 are needed to correlate with the current edition of NFPA 1221 (2013). These changes were circulated to the Technical Committee for review, on September 6, 2013. The committee was afforded one week to review the information and determine if there were any in disagreement with the changes. There were no oppositions and one response in support of the changes.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Attached: Editorial Changes to NFPA 1720
Good Morning Technical Committee Members,

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**Existing 1720-2010**

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![1720 Figure A.5.4.1(a)](image)
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New 1221 Figure A.7.4.1(b) to become 1720 Figure A.5.4.1(b)

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Thanks for the chance to review. I support the editorial changes.

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