

TO: MEMBERSHIP  
FROM: CHIEF CHAMPAGNE  
RE: PESH Updates  
DATE: September 23, 2015

The following are the recent PESH updates that took effect immediately of this year and will become part of our training. I have advised the Board of Fire Commissioners and requested that the Rules and Regulations be updated to reflect as such; that has been completed. Accordingly, I am informing the membership of what the updates entail. Thank you.

### **Workplace Violence Prevention**

- An initial and **annual** requirement and when any changes occur
- Cited as 12 NYCRR Part 800.6
- Requirements to be in compliance
  - a. Develop and post a written policy statement (we adopted 6/9/15)
  - b. Conduct a risk evaluation \*
  - c. Develop a workplace violence prevention program \*
  - d. Provide training \*
  - e. Develop a system for recording any incidents and maintaining records \*

### **Hazard Communication**

- An **initial** requirement and when any new chemical hazard is introduced
- Cited as 29 CFR 1910.1200; federal regulation
- Requirements to be in compliance
  - a. Develop a written Hazard Communication Program (updated 8/29/15)
- **What has changed:** Hazard classification, labeling and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and their formatting.

### **Portable Fire Extinguishers**

- An **annual** requirement
- Cited as 29 CFR 1910.157; federal regulation
- Requirements to be in compliance
  - a. Provide training and education in fire extinguisher use and hazards involved with incipient stage firefighting
- My request to purchase a Bullex extinguisher prop to have for in-house training was approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

**\*In the process of being developed.**