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Firefighters and Workers' Compensation Work Group Roundtable

Nov. 9, 2011
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

- 10 a.m. *Introductions (participants should be sitting at the table)
 *Overview of Issues:
 1) How to provide volunteer firefighters with workers' compensation insurance
 2) Whether to provide presumptive disease coverage under workers' compensation
 for firefighters (including volunteers)
- 10:10 *Discussion on volunteer firefighters/workers' compensation
 a) how many people are we talking about
 b) projected costs of coverage and how to pay
 c) is there a worthwhile distinction to be made regarding wildland fires vs. other
 fires covered by volunteer firefighters? (i.e. does the discussion go beyond the
 contract for equipment use with the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation?)
- 11:00 *Discussion on presumptive disease/costs/use or lack of use of disability pay under pension system
- 11:30 Adjourn

This work group discussion is not a formal meeting related to the Economic Affairs Committee but is being convened to coordinate presentations for the Jan. 19 meeting of the Economic Affairs Committee. Any member of the public is welcome to join the roundtable discussion. The meeting will be recorded for reference purposes but not streamed.