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PUBLIC EMPLOYER SAFETY ALERT #12

PROTECTIVE HOODS FOR FIREFIGHTERS

ATTENTION: ALL PUBLIC EMPLOYERS

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This notice is being sent as a reminder that full protective hoods for firefighters were required as of December 7, 1999. N.J.A.C. 12:100-10.9(c) states:

A full protective hood shall be provided for the firefighter that meets the performance, construction, and testing requirements of NFPA 1971-1991, Protective Clothing for Structural Fire Fighting.

1. **Firefighters shall be provided with a full protective hood December 7, 1999, provided that if the wearing of the hood interferes with the proper fit of the helmet, a full protective hood need not be provided until the helmet becomes unserviceable and is replaced.**

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000 PUBLIC EMPLOYERS MAY BE SUBJECT TO AN INITIAL PENALTY OF $250 PER DAY FOR EACH VIOLATION OF THESE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS.

Any employer who willfully or repeatedly violates the requirements of the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act shall be assessed a civil administrative penalty of up to $70,000 for each violation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:6A-41d.