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Deputy Chief Matt Pegg  
President  
Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs  
520 Westney Road South, Unit 22  
Ajax ON L1S 6W6

Dear Deputy Chief Pegg:

I am pleased to inform you that the ministry is increasing the remuneration rate for fire response services on provincial highways.

Effective November 1, 2015, this rate will increase to \$450. We value the services that firefighters across Ontario provide and recognize the need to increase the fee that had been in place since 2010. This increase was based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The ministry currently pays \$410 per hour, or part thereof, for each fire department vehicle sent to an incident on provincial highways. In addition, the ministry will adjust rates annually based on the CPI.

Fire departments may also opt out of the ministry payment process and bill the liable party directly at rates determined by the municipality. Ministry staff will continue to work with the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs and the Office of the Fire Marshall to review rates in the future and ensure they are fair.

I appreciate our partnership with the province's firefighters and municipalities and want to thank you again for your commitment to road safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Del Duca".

Steven Del Duca  
Minister