



E-Brief • April 2019

This E-Brief is a summary of activities for the Fire Agencies Self Insurance System (FASIS), such as updates from the Board of Directors meetings, etc., and will be communicated to our members electronically, and posted on the FASIS website at www.fasisjpa.org for future reference. Please contact us at (800) 541-4591, extension 19025 if you have questions regarding the contents of this bulletin.

Important Dates

May 15, 2019
1st Quarter Payroll
Reporting Deadline

June 27, 2019
9:30 a.m.
Board of Directors Meeting
Novato, CA

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Warm Welcome

Welcome Stacey Brock to FASIS as the Administrative Assistant.

Board of Directors News & Updates

The Board approved a one-year service agreement extension with Athens Administrators for third party claims administration, a one-year service agreement extension with MHN for EAP services, and a one-year service agreement extension with Occu-Med for pre-placement, annual, and fitness-for-duty examinations.

Financial News

2019/20 Program Year Rates and Preliminary Budget

On March 21, 2019, the Board of Directors approved the following rates for the 2019/20 Program Year:

Safety	\$9.260 per \$100 of payroll
Non-Safety	\$5.440 per \$100 of payroll

Rates reflect a 2.8% increase in Safety and 6.9% increase in Non-Safety from the previous program year. The annual payroll equivalencies for Safety –\$5,000 and Non-Safety –\$1,000 volunteers remain the same.

The preliminary 2019/20 Budget is posted on the website at www.fasisjpa.org, under the *MEMBERS ONLY* section. A final Budget will be presented at the June 27, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting for approval.

www.firestrong.org

FASIS is pleased to announce on March 21, 2019, the Board of Directors approved a firestrong.org membership. Firestrong is an anonymous online resource offering mental, emotional, and physical support to fire service members and their families. Members have access to professional counselors through the Fire Crisis Network Line, testimonials, general mental health information, assessments, a peer support team network and additional resource pages. To access our personalized page, please visit www.firestrong.org and select Fire Agencies Self Insurance System (FASIS) from the drop-down menu. To view protected content and peer biographies, please access under username = FASIS and password = FASIS1750. You may also view a Firestrong website tour and introduction by clicking [here](#).

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Other News

A new agreement prepared by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) must be signed in order for Fire District personnel to receive gas release and detection training. A copy of the agreement may be found [here](#), along with an opinion memorandum prepared by Bill Arnone, FASIS General Counsel, [here](#).

Risk Control News



The International Association of Fire Chief's (IAFC) Volunteer and Combination Officers Section and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) released the [Lavender Ribbon Report: Best Practices for Preventing Firefighter Cancer](#). The report provides 11 best practices to aid in the prevention of firefighter cancer.

Where does your District store turnouts? Are turnouts prohibited in areas such as the kitchen, living and sleeping quarters? Has your District considered providing a second hood for entry personnel?

If you have any questions about the risk control services provided by FASIS or would like to schedule an on-site review, please contact Tom Kline, Risk Control Manager, at (800) 541-4591, ext. 19121 or thomas.kline@yorkrisk.com

Workers' Compensation News

Claim File Reviews - As an employer and FASIS member, you are a crucial part of the overall claims management picture. As such, we want to ensure you have the opportunity to share valuable information which may assist our claims team, along with providing you an overall update on your District's open claims. If you have open claims you would like to review with our Claims Administrator, Athens Administrators, please contact Sarah Centeno, Workers' Compensation Program Manager, at (800) 541-4591, ext. 19142, or sarah.centeno@yorkrisk.com.

Trainings - Do you think your staff would benefit from general workers' compensation education or more targeted injury scenario training? If so, please contact Sarah Centeno, Workers' Compensation Program Manager, to discuss what training options might be best suited for your District.

General WC Information - Have questions regarding Safety vs. Non-Safety employee/volunteer classification? Unsure of what your actual "Date of Knowledge" is for injury reporting? Want to know how to file your District's workers' compensation claims? Check out our Workers' Compensation Claims Manual and other helpful reference guides linked from the [website](#), under WC Forms and Documents.