**FR OPI Report August 2023**

Since our last meeting, the FR Situational Committee has not met; regardless of the numerous attempts from myself and Brendalee to meet. As such, the minutes from November 30th, have still not been signed off or distributed. The last response I received from Kelly Walsh, Directorate Labour Relations Operations (DLRO), was that they were going to have a member of the Canadian Forces Fire Marshal (CFFM) was going to co-chair the meeting. Sadly, there was no discussion with UNDE’s representatives (myself or Brendalee) to discuss changing co-chairs.

At our previous meeting we discussed the Fallen Firefighter Memorial. Due to the not been able to schedule a meeting, I requested an update from the various Bases/Wings. Col Serge Menard was the only commander to respond. He confirmed that in Valcartier, our members were made aware of the memorial and if members request to attend the ceremony, they will do their best to grant leave in support of this initiative. As the employer side of the committee are military several of the committee members have moved on. No other responses have been provided prior to sending in this report.

It is very disappointing that the employer side of the committee could not commit to have a meeting over the last 8 months. Currently, there is no future date set aside for the next FR Situational Committee.

The FR Steering Committee met virtually on 26 June 2023. Agenda items included updating the committee with the new CFFM (Mark Fugulin who has taken over from Caitlyn Vos), wildfire clothing, and vehicle maintenance concerns (length of time). Draft minutes have been sent to the committee and will be posted once finalized.

The FR Wellness Committee still has not met after numerous requests. Brendalee and I had received a proposed update to the Terms of Reference (from the CFFM side); however, we were unable to schedule a meeting before convention to discuss our amendments and to have an official meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

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