

Chief's Supplement

2025 NW Illinois Wildland Fire Incidents Standards Cited by IL OSHA

Personal Protective Equipment

1910.132(a) Some members did not use any Personal protective equipment (PPE).

***Recommendation:** Ensure PPE requirements are communicated to employees, and supervisors enforce PPE requirements at incidents.*

Fire Brigades Standard

1910.156(b)(1) Departments did not have a training schedule.

***Recommendation:** Create an annual training schedule using IL OSHA's Fire Department Compliance Guide as a reference (page 28).*

1910.156(c)(1) Fire department leaders (officers, incident commanders) did not have training that was more comprehensive than that provided to rank and file members.

***Recommendation:** Implement an officer training program using IL OSHA's Fire Department Compliance Guide and IFSI's Minimum Fire Training Guide for reference.*

1910.156(c)(2) Some department members did not participate in training for their assigned duties and functions.

***Recommendation:** Create and enforce a policy requiring department members to participate in annual training related to their duties and functions.*

1910.156(c)(3) The quality of training provided to members engaged in wildland/brush fire response was not similar to that of the Illinois Fire Service Institute.

***Recommendation:** 1) Enroll all members expected to respond to wildland/brush fires in NWCG S-130/190 Basic Wildland Firefighter Training through IFSI or an equivalent training organization and; 2) Provide updated training to all members that respond to wildland/brush fires at least annually thereafter.*

1910.156(d) UTV riding position allowed a member to sit above the profile of the protective roll cage.

***Recommendation:** Eliminate any riding position that allows a member to sit above the profile of a protective roll cage.*

General Duty Clause

820 ILCS 219/20(a) Departments violated IL OSHA's general duty clause that requires employers to provide employees with reasonable protection from hazards that cause or are likely to cause serious injury or death.

***Recommendation:** 1) Adopt and implement a wildland/brush fire SOP/SOG; 2) Ensure the SOP/SOG includes sections on incident command, accountability, LCES, and firefighter emergencies; 3) Ensure all firefighters entering the hazard zone of a wildland/brush fire are equipped with a personal radio; 4) Ensure all firefighters receive a briefing prior to entering the hazard zone of a wildland/brush fire; 5) Ensure SOP/SOG aligns with automatic and mutual aid partner SOPs/SOGs and train with automatic and mutual aid partners and; 6) Ensure all training that is conducted is clearly defined including training topic, instructor, a list of objectives, and signatures of the instructor and participants.*

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