



**Oregon Workers Compensation Review & Advisory Committee (ORAC)
Meeting Schedule**

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Meeting Location: Embassy Suites Hotel, 9000 SW Washington Square Road, Tigard, OR

Committee Members	Representing	Voting Y/N
Caitlin Breitbach*	Department of Consumer & Business Services, Small Business Ombudsman	N
David Dahl	Department of Consumer & Business Services, Division of Financial Regulation	N
Russ Austin	Acuity Insurance	Y
Edwin Herrera	Liberty Mutual	Y
Gina Chapman	Technology Insurance	Y
Jamie Powell	SAIF Corporation	Y
Jeff Rasmussen	Jefferson County	Y
Laurie Arnold	Travelers Insurance	Y
Vacant	Oregon Workers' Compensation Insured	Y

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Agenda

Time	Topics
9:30 a.m.	Roll Call
9:40 a.m.	Public Comments
9:50 a.m.	Oregon Firefighting Research
10:00 a.m.	NCCI Update on Item Filings and Research
10:15 a.m.	New Business



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NCCI RESEARCH ON FIREFIGHTING CLASSIFICATIONS

Background

- » NCCI received feedback on the phraseologies for Code 7710 and Code 2704. The phraseologies in NCCI's **Basic Manual** for Oregon are:
 - » 7710—Fire Patrol or Protective Corps & Drivers—No Salvage Operations
 - » 7710—Firefighters & Drivers
 - » 7710—Forest or Wildland Firefighting & Drivers
 - » 2704—Logging—Wildland or Forest Firefighting by Contractor—All Operations at Location & Drivers



Research Considerations



- » Determine whether the three phraseologies for Code 7710 should be consolidated into one, with the phraseology as Firefighters & Drivers.

Recommendations

Fire Patrol or Protective Corps & Drivers—No Salvage Operations

- » Revise to clarify the intent of this phraseology

Forest or Wildland Firefighting & Drivers

- » Eliminate and consolidate with Firefighters & Drivers



Recommendations

Firefighters & Drivers

- » Revise to clarify the intent of this code, which includes municipal fire departments and fire districts that also perform wildland or forest firefighting

Logging—Wildland or Forest Firefighting by Contractor—All Operations at Location & Drivers

- » Revise to refer to Code 7710 for municipal fire departments and fire districts that also perform wildland or forest firefighting

Draft Revisions

Classification Wording of Code 7710

Fire Patrol or Protective Corps & Drivers—No Salvage Operations

This phraseology applies to organizations that serve the public through firefighting and related fire protection services:

~~Firefighters who perform emergency medical services~~

~~This phraseology includes firefighters who also perform emergency medical services (EMS):~~

Important ~~Separately rate employees who perform only EMS duties, and no firefighting, to Code 7705:~~

~~Volunteer firefighters~~

~~Separately rate volunteer firefighters and drivers to Code 7711:~~

This phraseology applies to employers that operate fire patrols or fire protective corps.

Salvage operations

Separately rate salvage operations to Code 5705.

Volunteer firefighters

Separately rate volunteer firefighters and drivers to Code 8411.



Draft Revisions

Classification Wording of Code 7710

~~Forest or Wildland Firefighting & Drivers~~

~~This phraseology applies to organizations that serve the public through firefighting and related fire protection services.~~

~~Firefighters who perform emergency medical services~~

~~This phraseology includes firefighters who also perform emergency medical services (EMS).~~

~~Important~~ ~~Separately rate employees who perform only EMS duties, and no firefighting, to Code 7705.~~

~~Volunteer firefighters~~

~~Separately rate volunteer firefighters and drivers to Code 7711.~~



Draft Revisions

Classification Wording of Code 7710

Firefighters & Drivers

This phraseology applies to organizations, including municipal fire departments and fire districts, that serve the public through firefighting and related fire protection services.

Firefighters who perform emergency medical services

This phraseology includes firefighters who also perform emergency medical services (EMS).

Important Separately rate employees who perform only EMS duties, and no firefighting, to Code 7705.

Forest or wildland firefighting by municipal fire departments and fire districts

This phraseology includes forest or wildland firefighting performed by municipal fire departments and fire districts.

Qualified volunteer search and rescue personnel of self-insured counties

Separately rate qualified volunteer search and rescue personnel of self-insured counties that obtain an insurance policy for such volunteers in the voluntary or assigned risk market to Code 7729.

Volunteer firefighters and EMS

Volunteer firefighters and EMS are to be separately rated to Code 8411.

Forest or wildland firefighting by contractor

Refer to Code 2704 for forest or wildland firefighting by contractor.



Draft Revisions

Classification Wording of Code 2704

Logging—~~Wildland or Forest~~ or Wildland Firefighting by Contractor—All Operations at Location & Drivers

This phraseology applies to contractors who perform forest or wildland fire suppression services, including all operations such as: (a) back burns, (b) construction of fire breaks and fire trails, (c) hose layout, (d) maintenance or repair of all equipment in the field, (e) mobilization of equipment and supplies, (f) mop-up, (g) slash piling and burning, and (h) training.

Important Refer to Code 7710 for municipal fire departments and fire districts, that perform forest or wildland firefighting operations.

Tree falling

This classification does not include tree falling associated with fire suppression. All tree falling is to be separately rated to Code 2702.

Idle time, standby, and travel-time pay

This phraseology includes idle time, standby, and travel-time pay.

Logging and other forestry operations

Logging and other forestry operations are to be separately rated.

Division of payroll between Code 2704 and Code 2702 or Code 2725

Division of payroll between Code 2704 and Code 2702 or Code 2725 is allowed in accordance with NCCI's **Basic Manual** rule, Assignment of more than one basic classification.

Maintenance of forest or wildland firefighting equipment

Maintenance of forest or wildland firefighting equipment at a permanent shop location, including pickup of parts for the shop, is to be separately rated to Code 2703.

Important Code 2703 does not apply to repair work performed away from the shop.

Code 0124 application

Code 0124 does not apply to slash piling and burning when associated with firefighting cleanup.

