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Mr. Adam Piskura, Director
Connecticut Fire Academy
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
34 Perimeter Road
Windsor Locks, CT 06096-1069

Dear Mr. Piskura:

This letter is intended to address concerns regarding the Introduction to the Fire Service camp held at the Connecticut Fire Academy. This office has determined that attendees of this camp are not covered by the provisions of the Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA) Act. Section 31-367 of the CONN-OSHA Act defines an employee as any person engaged in service to an employer in a business of his employer.

As long as campers/attendees are receiving information and education at the academy and are not engaged in service to their respective fire departments, they would not be covered by the Act while attending your department's camp as there would be no employer/employee relationship.

Within their respective fire departments, however, if the youths were to be exposed to hazards or injured during their department's training, on a fire ground, etc. they would be covered by the Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Hopefully I have answered your questions and concerns. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 263-6929.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kenneth C. Tucker, III
Director

cc: Jeffrey Morrissette, Connecticut Fire Academy Administrator