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LEGAL COUNSEL FOR AFGE FIREFIGHTERS COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL TO INCREASE UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

The basic uniform allowance has been set to \$400 for too long, and for the first time in a decade OPM has proposed to increase the allowance to \$500. While this is an improvement, it falls short of taking care of the uniform needs of federal firefighters. Sandra Adams-Choate responded to OPM's proposal by suggesting that a separate scale should be set for firefighters and reminding OPM that any parts of the uniform that constitute PPE should be provided by the employer at no cost to the firefighter. To read Ms. Choate's comments on the uniform allowance, visit our Proposed Changes to Agency Regulations section under Resources.