



Johnson County Professional Firefighters Union LOCAL 4252

CURRENT READING

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX GENERAL

SECTION 4: The President shall be empowered to provide legal counsel when any Fire Department vehicle is involved in a traffic accident, and an appeal to the President is made by any member or members in good standing or widow or dependents, below the age of twenty-one (21) years, of such members; whose death is a direct result of any such accident, shall be sufficient for the President to authorize legal representation with these exceptions:

- A. Only one attorney shall be authorized for each such accident.
- B. No attorney may be authorized when the accident involves only Fire Department vehicles, or in the President's opinion neglect of duty is involved. This does not deny members the right to seek legal aid under Section 3 of this Article.
- C. Further, the legal counsel, provided for under this Section, is provided solely for the purpose of protecting the rights and privileges and /or estates of members under existing law. When any person or persons, authorized to receive legal counsel under this Section, initiates legal proceedings for: or makes settlement for damages due to personal injuries sustained in such accidents, this Local will assume no financial responsibility for payment of any costs or fees such actions may entail.

PROPOSED READING CHANGE

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX GENERAL

SECTION 4: The President shall be empowered to provide **initial legal consultation** ~~counsel~~ when any Fire Department vehicle is involved in a traffic accident, and an appeal

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- A. Only one attorney shall be authorized for each such accident.
- B. No attorney may be authorized when the accident involves only Fire Department vehicles, or in the President's opinion neglect of duty is involved. This does not deny members the right to seek legal aid under Section 3 of this Article.
- C. Further, the legal counsel, provided for under this Section, is provided solely for the purpose of protecting the rights and privileges and /or estates of members under existing law. When any person or persons, authorized to receive legal counsel under this Section, initiates legal proceedings for: or makes settlement for damages due to personal injuries sustained in such accidents, this Local will assume no financial responsibility for payment of any costs or fees such actions may entail.

SECTION 5: The President shall be empowered to provide initial legal consultation when any member of the Local is grieving a charge from their governing Fire Department of suspension of more than 24 hours or termination. It shall be sufficient for the President to authorize legal representation with these exceptions:

- A. Only one attorney shall be authorized for each such incident.
- B. No attorney may be authorized when the incident involves criminal charges, or in the President's opinion neglect of duty is involved. This does not deny members the right to seek legal aid under Section 3 of this Article.
- C. Further, the legal counsel, provided for under this Section, is provided solely for the purpose of protecting the rights and privileges and /or estates of members under existing law. When any person or persons, authorized to receive legal consultation under this Section, initiates legal proceedings for: or makes settlement for damages due to an incident, this Local will assume no financial responsibility for payment of any costs or fees such actions may entail.