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## **SCIO FIRE DISTRICT**

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### **Hot Topics 1/26/26**

At last night's drill, we recognized Jimmy Barker for receiving his Type 2 certification.

Alarms are now auto-loading into the Fire Incidents "new" page in ESO so it's no longer required that you import from CAD. If you can't find your alarm, check the filters to make sure you've expanded the date option. If you have an alarm that doesn't auto load, you can still import from CAD.

Some folks have asked about the new tax rule of "no tax on overtime." The "no tax on overtime" applies to the "half" that is above your regular rate. So if your regular pay is \$20/hour and your overtime wage is \$30/hour (time and a half), you can deduct \$10/hour (the "half" above your normal wage). In 2025, there was no requirement to include this amount on your W2. In 2026, there will be the requirement. In order to calculate the amount you can deduct, find your last paystub from 2025 (would have been issued on 12/7). Look for the "conflagration OT" line. In the far right column is the amount you were paid in OT for the year. Take that number and divide by 3. This is the amount you can deduct. A sample paystub is attached.

At last night's drill, we spent a little time going over the MSA. Attached are the notes. One discussion point is that with our recent burn to learn, several of you are getting more comfortable in your gear in an IDLH environment. Now is a good time to focus on your breathing, specifically slowing it down. This takes a conscious effort and one that gets better with practice.

Engine 94 is out-of-service due to a charging issue.

Attached are the missing incident and EHR forms. OHA is cracking down on the calls that don't have an EHR which means that I am as well. I and Chief Boyer will be cross checking each medical call to make sure an EHR was filled out and will be noting it on the missing incidents/EHRs form. Please make sure we keep track of the PCR and give it to the lead at the end of the call.

We took some time to debrief Saturday's burn-to-learn. In all aspects of the drill, things went very smoothly. I'd like to thank everyone who participated for giving up your Saturday for this training. From the house prep to the IAP build to the support function, it all made a difference in making sure we had a successful outcome.

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