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**The following is a statement from IAFF General President Edward A. Kelly on the NFPA's recent decision regarding NFPA Standard 1971:**

*“The International Association of Fire Fighters is dismayed by the NFPA Standards Council's decision to deny implementation of TIA 1594 to NFPA Standard 1971. The UV light degradation test for moisture barriers is illogical, not supported by science, stands as a hurdle to advancing the state of the art in fire fighter PPE and the development of PFAS free gear for fire fighters who already suffer a myriad of carcinogenic and other toxic exposures. The IAFF will not be swayed by those who attempt to minimize the health hazards of PFAS in our gear and will not relent in our drive to develop safe and effective PPE for our members.”*

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