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Mr. Salvatore J. Cassano  
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Re: Revision to Section 11.1.17  
of the Fire Department Rules and Regulations

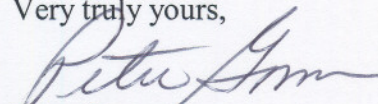
Dear Chief Cassano:

I am writing in response to your letter dated January 19, 2005.

Upon receipt of your letter, I reread my President's Report of January 6, 2005. Nowhere in that report did I advise UFOA members to disregard Department policy. To the contrary, the Department's policy on this issue, as recently revised, delegates to the chauffeur and the Company Officer the discretion and judgment as to how to proceed through an intersection where there is a red signal or stop sign. While members are no longer required by Department regulations to come to a full stop as required by NFPA 1500, there is nothing in the regulations which prohibits members from complying with NFPA guidelines in their sound discretion. That is what I have recommended.

When you review the newly revised regulation, you will see that there is no conflict between the regulation's reservation of discretion to the member and complying with NFPA 1500.

Very truly yours,



Peter Gorman  
President

cc: Mr. Nicholas Scopetta, Fire Commissioner  
Mr. Peter Hayden, Chief of Department



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