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Mr. Salvatore J. Cassano Chief of Operations New York City Fire Department 9 MetroTech Center Brooklyn, New York 11201-3857

Re:

Proposed Revision to Section 11.1.17

of the Fire Department Rules and Regulations

Dear Chief Cassano:

I am writing in response to the letter from Lillian Rivera-Inzerillo, Director of Labor Relations for the Fire Department, dated October 22, 2004 conveying a copy of a proposed revision to Section 11.1.17 of the Rules and Regulations.

The UFOA does not believe that the proposed revision to the Department's rules is in the best interest of the Department and its members. Section 6.2.8 of NFPA 1500 requires drivers of a fire apparatus to come to a full stop at red signals and stop signs. Fire Department regulations have been consistent with this NFPA standard in the past. We do not believe that the Department should adopt a standard which is more lax than the NFPA standard. We are concerned that elimination of the current rule will adversely affect the safety of members of both the Department and the public.

We would be glad to meet with the Department to discuss our concerns.

Very truly yours,

Peter Gorman

President

cc: Ms. Lillian Rivera-Inzerillo

