

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law authorized the fire marshal to pay a fee of \$5 plus mileage for each structural fire report submitted by a volunteer fire department and defined volunteer fire department. New law deletes prior law.

New law requires that an organization obtain a fire department identification (FDID) number in order to engage in traditional fire department activities. New law further provides that if an organization fails to obtain an FDID number, it has violated existing law (R.S. 14:112.2), which prohibits the fraudulent portrayal of a law enforcement officer or firefighter.

New law prohibits the issuance of an FDID number to any organization not recognized by a local governing authority to conduct traditional fire department-related activities.

Prior law required that structural fire reports be submitted to the fire marshal as he prescribes on forms he creates. New law changes prior law to require that structural fire reports be submitted electronically by organizations which obtain an FDID number.

Prior law defined the terms "volunteer member" and "volunteer fire department". New law deletes those terms and defines "traditional fire department-related activities".

Existing law charges the Fire Marshal's Review Board to review investigation and inspection reports that the fire marshal prescribes. New law retains existing law substantively but changes the reference from "Fire Marshal's Review Board" to "board of review" for consistency in existing law (R.S. 40:1578.1).

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 40:1567)