



Wage And Workplace Standards Division

Wage Payment/Prevailing Wage
Minimum Wage/Overtime
860.263.6790

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860.263.6791

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Mr. Ralph Scarpino
Forest Fire Supervisor
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Dear Ralph,

It is the opinion of this office that minors who have reached the age of sixteen (16) years are permitted to fight grass/brush/wildland fires after they have successfully completed training as provided by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (or equivalent), if they are members of a volunteer fire department, and are supervised by an Incident Commander who is over the age of eighteen (18) years. As always, members of fire departments who are under the age of sixteen years may not participate in firefighting activities.

I hope this has answered your questions, and please feel free to contact me if you have any other concerns.

Sincerely,

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