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Recently, the government introduced pandemic pay for employees in the health care sector. The intent of the government initiative was to provide added compensation to those in sectors dealing with lower wages than what is traditionally found in the first responder community.

The OPFFA communicated to our government that Fire Fighters are an all-hazard response that will answer the call regardless of the severity or duration of the incident. We enter into collective agreements with our employers that are enhanced through the negotiation process; and failing that, the interest arbitration arena. We don't ask for more compensation because the task becomes difficult - we just get the job done.

As your President, I have communicated to government representatives to instead please continue the great work they are doing assisting our front line workers that may not have such a strong union behind them like we do; one that allows them to enjoy the same wages and benefits as Ontario's Fire Fighters. I have asked that they instead consider funneling our Province's available resources to those organizations and charities that are most in need of the added boost.

As always, Ontario's Fire Fighters continue to serve our communities regardless of the challenge put before us. We are not looking for additional monetary gain simply for doing our jobs during this crisis.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to reach out at any time.

Regards,

Rob Hyndman

President

Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association

