1) **56.4200 General requirements.**
(a) For fighting fires that could endanger persons, each mine shall have
   (1) Onsite firefighting equipment for fighting fires in their early stages; and
   (2) Onsite firefighting equipment for fighting fires beyond their early stages, or the mine shall have
   made prior arrangements with a local fire department to fight such fires.
(b) This onsite firefighting equipment shall be
   (1) Of the type, size, and quantity that can extinguish fires of any class which could occur as a result
       of the hazards present; and
   (2) Strategically located, readily accessible, plainly marked, and maintained in fire-ready condition.
2) **56.4201 Inspection**
   (a) Firefighting equipment shall be inspected according to the following schedules:
       (1) Fire extinguishers shall be inspected visually at least once a month to determine that they are fully
           charged and operable.
       (2) At least once every twelve months, maintenance checks shall be made of mechanical parts, the
           amount and condition of extinguishing agent and expellant, and the condition of the hose, nozzle,
           and vessel to determine that the fire extinguishers will operate effectively.
3) **56.4203 Extinguisher recharging or replacement.**
   Fire extinguishers shall be recharged or replaced with a fully charged extinguisher promptly after
   any discharge.
4) **56.4230 Self-propelled equipment.**
   (a)(1) Whenever a fire or its effects could impede escape from self-propelled equipment, a fire
       extinguisher shall be on the equipment.
   (2) Whenever a fire or its effects would not impede escape from the equipment but could affect the
       escape of other persons in the area, a fire extinguisher shall be on the equipment or within 100 feet of
       the equipment.
   (b) A fire suppression system may be used as an alternative to fire extinguishers if the system can be
       manually activated.
   (c) Fire extinguishers or fire suppression systems shall be of a type and size that can extinguish fires
       of any class in their early stages which could originate from the equipment’s inherent fire hazards.
       Fire extinguishers or manual actuators for the suppression system shall be located to permit their
       use by persons whose escape could be impeded by fire.

- **Fatal grams:** [56.4201](#)
- **Attendees:**