

Fire/EMS Legislative Caucus
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, December 19, 2017
9:30 AM IN ROOM 1E OF THE LOB

- I. CONVENE MEETING
- II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS
- III. NOMINATIONS OF PERMANENT CHAIRS
- IV. REMARKS BY THE CHAIRS
- V. MEMBER DISCUSSION
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
- V. DISCUSSION OF TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

- **Meeting was called to order at 9:30**
- **Legislative Attendees:**
Rep. Ohler, Rep. Boyd, Rep. McGorty, Rep. Carpino, Rep. Staneski, Rep. Dubitsky, Rep. Sredzinski, Rep. Ryan, Rep. Klarides-Ditria, Rep. Petit, Rep. Camillo, Rep. Cook, Rep. Devlin, Rep. Delnicki, Rep. Linehan, Rep. Demicco, Rep. Byron, Rep. Abercrombie, Sen. Logan, Rep. Rovero, Rep. Ferraro, Rep. Bolinsky, Rep. Gentile, Rep. Borer, Rep. Stokes, Rep. Dauphinais, Rep. Wilson, Rep. McCarthy-Vahey, Rep. Winkler
- **Nominations of Permanent Chairs: Motion was made and seconded to nominate Rep. Ohler and Rep. Boys as permanent co-chairs of the caucus.**
- **Remarks by Co-Chairs:**
 - **Rep. Boyd: It is important that education and outreach is needed on this caucus mission. They have revived a commission that existed 10 years ago.**
 - **Rep. Ohler: He and Rep. Boyd share a common interest as firefighters, a shared service. Our voice collectively needs to be heard.**
- **Member Discussion:**
 - **Rep. Sredzinski: Got his start as a fire explorer. Currently Stratford 911 Communication. Ranking Member on Public Safety Committee.**

- **Rep. Dubitsky:** Volunteer Firefighter experience. At early age. His Volunteer FD is having struggles with funding
- **Rep. McGorty – Fire Marshall** professional experience
- **Rep. McCarthy-Vahey:** Has fire Ops training
- **Rep. Cook:** Worked on the Firefighter Cancer legislation last session.
- **Rep. Winkler:** Currently CERT in Vernon
- **Rep. Camillo:** Cos Cob Police Patrol experience. Discussed Insurance protection. Vol Fire Associate Member
- **Rep. Delnicki:** Make sure volunteer firefighters have the tools needed to do their job. Recognized his Fire Chief from South Windsor for brief remarks
- **Rep. Boyd:** We have to work as a team with a consensus viewpoint.
- **Rep. Devlin:** State faces significant challenges. However, we cannot overlook our first responders
- **Rep. Rovero:** Former Volunteer EMS/Ambulance driver. With this experience he is grateful for their service
- **Public Comments:**
 - **Leon Collins and Rick Hart** are recognized for their liaison work at the Capitol. Both made brief comments
 - **Chief McCarthy** was recognized. Firefighter cancer legislation was important. Fire Training Schools desperately need funding. He also mentioned training regarding active shooter incident management.
 - **Walter Summers** (South Windsor Fire Marshall)
 - **Kevin Looney** (South Windsor Fire Chief)
- **Final Comments:**
 - **Rep. Boyd** spoke of their work on creating a mission statement/vision for the upcoming session. They will meet on a monthly basis (2nd Tuesday of every month). He gave a homework assignment to work on the ideas discussed today for the next meeting
- **Set next meeting:**
 - Tuesday (1/9)**
 - 9:30**
 - Room 1E**
- **Meeting Adjourned at 10:33**