



Everyone,

I would like to remind our membership that you should reach out to the appropriate Fire EMS Caucus sub-committee chairperson regarding any legislation that you would like to see passed during the upcoming 2018 legislative session of the Connecticut General Assembly. Here again is a list of the subcommittees formed on January 9th during the second meeting of the caucus:

**Education & Training: Rep. Brian Ohler (R)      EMS : Rep. Pat Boyd (D)**

**Labor: Rep. Liz Lenihan (D)      Fire Marshals/Regulations: Rep. Ben McGorty (R)**

It is important to reach out to the legislators charged with these subcommittees as soon as possible.

Over the next few days, the members of the Fire EMS Caucus will be polled regarding their support for, against or neutral regarding issues submitted for legislation from CSFA, the UPFFA, DESPP and DAS and possibly other sources. The goal of the polling is to find wherever there might be a large enough consensus within the caucus on each issue so that the potential strength of these numbers might be used to help push legislation through joint committees of the CGA such as Judiciary, Labor and Public Safety.

The 40+ members of this legislative caucus need to hear from constituents in the Fire Service regarding these issues so they can be informed how each of these issues affects our members.

Here is the latest roster of FIRE EMS Caucus members that we have (we will update the list as soon as possible):

### **Representatives**

- Catherine Abercrombie
- Witt Betts
- Mitch Bolinsky
- Dorinda Borer
- Pat Boyd – Caucus Co-Chair, EMS Subcommittee Chair
- Gary Byron
- Fred Camillo
- Christie Carpino

- Jay Case
- Michelle Cook
- Anne Dauphinais
- Tom Delnicki
- Mike Demicco
- Laura Devlin
- Doug Dubitsky
- Charles Ferraro
- Linda Gentile
- Carol Hall
- John Hampton
- Themis Klarides
- Nicole Klarides-Ditria
- Brenda Kupchick
- Liz Linehan – Labor Subcommittee Chair
- Cristin McCarthy-Vahey
- Ben McGorty – Fire Marshal/Regs Subcommittee Chair
- Brian Ohler - Caucus Co-Chair, Education and Training Subcommittee Chair
- Linda Orange
- William Petit
- Kim Rose
- Daniel Rovero
- Kevin Ryan
- J.P. Sredzinski
- Pam Staneski
- Greg Stokes
- Scott Storms
- David Wilson
- Michael Winkler
- David Yaccarino

- **Senators**
- Eric Berthel
- George Logan
- Craig Miner
- Cathy Osten
- Kevin Witkos

**The next Fire EMS Caucus meeting is set for Tues. February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10AM at the LOB in Room 1E. I ask that we make every effort to make a few things happen prior to this event:**

1. Reach out to the respective Fire EMS Sub-Committee Chairperson regarding issues for which your organization would like to see legislation passed in the upcoming session. (FYI, "Cancer" and "PTSD" fall under "Labor".) We need to start working on new legislation to be proposed **NOW**.

2. ***Make every attempt NOW to spread the word and save-the-date for the Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. This caucus meeting on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> will be one of the last opportunities to educate, inform or persuade legislators regarding newly proposed bills that must be filed by Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5pm.***

**Note:** At the request of the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, the Caucus co-chairs were informed of the meeting schedule conflict with the second Tuesday-of-the-month morning time slot. The slot also conflicts with the monthly meeting of CT Career Chiefs Association. The co-chairs will make every attempt to schedule future meetings so that all members of the Fire Service can attend Fire EMS Caucus meetings without meeting schedule conflict. **Class A Uniforms, please, if you can attend.** Fire EMS Caucus meetings are open to the public.

3. Urge your local legislators to join the caucus if they have not already done so.

Sincerely,

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