



Everyone,

Earlier this week the Joint Council of Connecticut Fire Service Organizations met with the Fire EMS Caucus sub-committee chairs to discuss the progress of moving issues forward to legislation. Feedback has been that the meeting was good one. The meeting was also attended by the chairman of CSFA's Legislative Committee, Lew Clark, and, chairman of CSFA's Education Committee, Rob Norton. The four legislators, Pat Boyd, Brian Ohler, Liz Lenihan and Ben McGorty discussed plans for gathering consensus among the representatives and senators on issues already presented to the caucus. Education Committee chair Rob Norton discussed a planned presentation of information to the caucus at their next meeting in response to legislators' request regarding the fiscal status and expenditures of the regional fire schools. Joint Council members also requested a chance to present to the caucus a summary of the importance of the regional fire schools to rural, suburban and urban communities across the state. Since the meeting Wednesday, the caucus co-chairs agreed to put Chief Billings on the agenda for the next meeting of the caucus.

I have attached the minutes from the January 9th, 2018 meeting of the Fire EMS Caucus.

Again, I ask that everyone urge their local legislators to join the Fire EMS Caucus if you have not already done so. **We also request the members of the Fire Service attend the next Fire EMS Caucus meeting on February 6th, 2018, at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford, 10AM Room 1E – please wear your Class A uniform if you can be present to show this volunteer caucus of legislators that the Fire Service appreciates their support and efforts.**

This year's legislative short session of the Connecticut General Assembly begins on Wednesday, February 7th, 2018.

Sincerely,

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