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Everyone,

I have added a few new bills to this week's House Bill Status Report that is attached to this update. The newest legislation includes the following (click on the bill link on this page for more details):

HB-5146 - AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR STATE AND REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING SCHOOLS.

<u>HB-5227</u> - AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTIMIDATION ON ACCOUNT OF OCCUPATION AS A PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE.

<u>HB-5228</u> - AN ACT REQUIRING CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT IN CERTAIN BUSINESSES.

<u>SB-140</u> - AN ACT INCREASING FINES FOR VIOLATIONS COMMITTED IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE, UTILITY WORK ZONE, TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ZONE AND FIRE STATION ZONE AND IMPROVING THE SIGNS AT SUCH ZONES.

<u>SB-221</u> - AN ACT INCREASING THE FINE FOR FAILING TO MOVE OVER FOR AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE AND INJURING THE OPERATOR OF THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE.

<u>SB-222</u> - AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIRE MARSHAL AND POLICE OFFICERS AT THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

Walter Summers of the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association has asked me to share the following invitation to members of the Fire Service:

I would like to invite the various fire service organizations to send a representative to a meeting of the Code Amendment Subcommittee next week. This would support CFMA's and DAS's efforts to have fire sprinklers installed in new Townhouse construction. The CT Home Builders are working very hard to get this provision removed from the new Building Code and we need to show the Committee that the fire service is in full support of this effort to save lives.

The Codes Amendment Subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 1:30pm – (450 Columbus Blvd- North Plaza Level Room C) to discuss the topics below:

- 2015 IRC Section R313.1 Residential Sprinklers for Townhouses
- *CMFA* 541 Committee Review Comments *Regarding 2015 I-Series Code Adoption*

Also, a reminder: The next meeting of the Fire EMS Caucus is scheduled for March 6th, 2018 at 10AM in Room 1E at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. This caucus meeting will be open to the public, and again, I ask that members of the Fire Service attend in Class A uniform if schedules permit.

Sincerely,

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