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Everyone,

The session began this past Wednesday and proposed bills are already slowly emerging daily at the LOB. Representatives Pat Boyd and Ben McGorty, the co-chairs of the Fire/EMS Caucus, hope to be able to give us a date for the next caucus meeting by the end of next week. There are legislators who still don't have offices yet, and legislators are also still organizing their schedules with respect to committees and other responsibilities. I will post the next Fire/EMS Caucus meeting date and agenda in this weekly update as soon as it becomes available.

I have also begun for the 2019 legislative session to track proposed bills that might either directly or indirectly affect the Fire Service. Please see the list below for bills that have come out this week:

HB-5105 (<https://cga.ct.gov/BSTAT.ASP?b=HB-5105>) AN ACT EXEMPTING SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES.

HB-5125 (<https://cga.ct.gov/BSTAT.ASP?b=HB-5125>) AN ACT INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDERS

HB-5153 (<https://cga.ct.gov/BSTAT.ASP?b=HB-5153>) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OR DELIVERY OF BODY ARMOR TO FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.

HB-5154 (<https://cga.ct.gov/BSTAT.ASP?b=HB-5154>) AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

HB-5155 (<https://cga.ct.gov/BSTAT.ASP?b=HB-5155>) AN ACT REQUIRING 9-1-1 CALLS TO BE ROUTED TO THE NEAREST PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT.

I have also attached a CSFA House Bill Status Report that I will also update weekly.

If you would like to receive a copy of this update by email, **please contact me by email and I will add your name to my distribution list.**

Sincerely,

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