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Everyone,

There are now dozens of bills directly or indirectly related to the Fire Service that we are tracking this legislative session. Several of these proposed bills concern issues that are priorities for CSFA and its member organizations this session (e.g., funding for Regional Fire Schools, bonding for Regional Fire School building projects, Post Traumatic Stress). I urge everyone to read my House Bill Status Report to review not only bills related to our priority issues but to also become familiar with the wide range of issues for which legislators have proposed legislation. At this point, a lot of bills only have a line or two of description and we should be on the lookout for changes and more information that will be added to bills in the coming weeks as some of them move forward.

As we expected, bills have been introduced again this session in an attempt to legalize “consumer grade fireworks” (i.e. the type that are presently illegal in Connecticut). Last year, we stated very clearly our Fire Service position against this type of legislation and we should start letting our legislators know as early as possible this session that our position on this type of legislation has not changed.

The next meeting of the Fire/EMS Caucus has not been announced yet and I will do my best to give everyone as much notice as possible when the co-chairs give me that information. Also, note that the State Bond Commission Meeting scheduled for today was cancelled.

I have also attached the CSFA House Bill Status Report that I will continue to 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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