



February 22th, 2019

Everyone,

Most importantly, the new biennial budget released by Governor Lamont on Wednesday of this week fortunately has provided level funding for the Regional Fire Schools under the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection:

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

10010 - Personal Services	138,300	144,419	150,784	147,380	142,669	155,953	150,846	146,135
10020 - Other Expenses	25,095	25,280	35,547	26,707	27,883	37,948	28,339	28,269
12026 - Stress Reduction	0	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
12082 - Fleet Purchase	5,406	6,582	6,582	6,582	5,582	6,582	6,582	5,582
12235 - Workers' Compensation Claims	3,940	4,137	4,637	4,137	4,137	4,637	4,137	4,137
12535 - Criminal Justice Information System	583	2,739	4,799	2,685	2,685	4,755	2,685	2,685
16009 - Fire Training School - Willimantic	0	150	322	150	150	379	150	150
16010 - Maintenance of County Base Fire Radio Network	15	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
16011 - Maintenance of State-Wide Fire Radio Network	10	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
16013 - Police Association of Connecticut	77	172	172	172	172	172	172	172
16014 - Connecticut State Firefighter's Association	105	177	177	177	177	177	177	177
16025 - Fire Training School - Torrington	0	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
16034 - Fire Training School - New Haven	0	48	48	48	48	48	48	48
16044 - Fire Training School - Derby	0	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
16056 - Fire Training School - Wolcott	0	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
16065 - Fire Training School - Fairfield	0	70	70	70	70	70	70	70
16074 - Fire Training School - Hartford	0	169	169	169	169	169	169	169
16080 - Fire Training School - Middletown	0	68	68	68	68	68	68	68
16179 - Fire Training School - Stamford	0	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	173,530	184,345	203,708	188,678	184,142	211,290	193,777	187,996

Additionally, the newly proposed Gov. Lamont biennial budget has also provided the \$400,000 in funding necessary for the operation of the Cancer Fund under the Department of Administrative Services:

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

10010 - Personal Services	42,887	45,854	47,649	48,134	48,134	49,810	50,483	50,483
10020 - Other Expenses	27,118	27,377	31,476	30,144	30,144	32,667	31,182	31,182
12016 - Tuition Reimbursement - Training and Travel	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12115 - Loss Control Risk Management	88	93	93	93	93	93	93	93
12123 - Employees' Review Board	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
12141 - Surety Bonds for State Officials and Employees	53	148	148	69	69	148	74	74
12176 - Refunds Of Collections	18	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
12179 - Rents and Moving	8,977	11,319	11,751	10,572	10,572	11,496	10,572	10,572
12218 - W. C. Administrator	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
12323 - Connecticut Education Network	855	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12507 - State Insurance and Risk Mgmt Operations	11,657	11,517	14,048	12,240	12,240	14,594	12,240	12,240
12511 - IT Services	11,862	11,760	13,487	12,669	14,719	15,254	12,929	17,326
12595 - Firefighters Fund	0	400	400	400	400	400	400	400

The state Fire Administrator reports that funding has also been provided for the Connecticut Fire Academy as a percentage of the proposed biennial DESPP budget.

Next week, the Regulation and Protection subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Appropriations will hear state agency presentations and testimony on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at the LOB. CSFA has organized a small delegation to attend should legislators have the need for additional information related to the Fire Service or Regional Fire Schools.

We are continuing to track about 100 proposed bills that either directly or indirectly affect the Fire Service. This past week, two of those bills moved to a public hearing in front the Joint Committee on Public Health:

H.B. 6516 (<https://cga.ct.gov/2019/TOB/h/pdf/2019HB-06516-R00-HB.PDF>) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS AND UPHOLSTERED RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE.

H.B. 6530 (<https://cga.ct.gov/2019/TOB/h/pdf/2019HB-06530-R00-HB.PDF>) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN ALL BUILDINGS OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 1D of the LOB. The Committee is accepting electronic testimony via email at phtestimony@cga.ct.gov. Please electronic testimony in Word or PDF format no later than 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, February 24, 2019. If you are unable to submit electronic testimony, please submit 10 copies of written testimony no later than 8:30 A.M. on Monday, February 25, 2019 in Room 3000 of the LOB. Please submit separate testimony for each bill. Testimony submitted after the deadline may not be available to Legislators until after the hearing. If you would like to testify at the public hearing on either of these bills, please let me know as soon as possible.

Also, Fire/EMS Co-Chair Rep. Ben McGorty reports that H.B. 6079 <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/TOB/h/pdf/2019HB-06079-R00-HB.PDF>) AN ACT REQUIRING FUNCTIONING SMOKE DETECTORS IN ALL RESIDENTIAL HOMES has encountered difficulty moving forward and he ask that members of the Fire Service submit testimony supporting the bill to the Joint Committee on Housing. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to HSGtestimony@cga.ct.gov All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

As I mentioned last week, there continue to be concepts on some issues related to the Fire Service that have not yet been raised by a legislative committee. In other words, we may still add new Fire Service-related bills to the list that we are tracking.

Also, we are still waiting for our Fire/EMS Caucus co-chairs to set the date for the next caucus meeting.

I have also attached the weekly updated CSFA House Bill Status Report.

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. Please put "CSFAs having Update Request" as the subject of your email. If you have already requested and I missed it, I apologize, sometimes the email gets thick on this end. Please submit again with the subject "CSFA Update Request".**

Sincerely,

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