

May 17th, 2019

Everyone,

The news conference for the introduction of S.B. 164 "The PTSD Bill" went well earlier this week. Here are some links to news articles that covered the story:

https://ctmirror.org/2019/05/13/six-year-battle-over-ptsd-benefits-for-emergency-personnel-appearsover/

https://www.courant.com/politics/capitol-watch/hc-pol-ptsd-compromise-20190513r4qbjzdw6jay5jwtenwu2ddsme-story.html

We ask our membership to continue to support S.B. 164 and to ask their respective legislators to vote in favor of the bill. Early next week, we will post a special CSFA Legislative Update to distribute a fact sheet explaining details of this proposed legislation that would benefit thousands of Connecticut's first-responders including Volunteer and Career Firefighters as well as Police Officers.

A reminder: Save the date for FIRE SERVICE DAY, Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the State Capitol – please plan to attend in Class A uniform – we need your support. Our event is a wonderful opportunity to meet your legislators. We will post a schedule of events for that day in our next update.

I have attached an updated JF House Bill Status Report.

If you would like to receive a copy of this update by email, <u>please contact me by email and I will add</u> your name to my distribution list. Please put "CSFA 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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