



May 24th, 2019

Everyone,

S.B. 164 "The PTSD Bill" is expected to be called for a vote in the legislature early next week, potentially as early as Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. I will post a special CSFA Legislative Update as soon as I have more information. We ask our membership to continue to support this important legislation that benefits thousands of First Responders. Here is a link to the latest available language:

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/amd/S/pdf/2019SB-00164-R00SA-AMD.pdf>

**Fire Service Day is this coming Wednesday – we ask all members of the Fire Service to attend.**

**FIRE SERVICE DAY SCHEDULE, Wednesday, May 29th, 2019**

**8:30 AM** – Set up informational displays from Fire Service vendors and organizations inside Capitol on 1st floor in the North Lobby at the center of the Capitol building. We will have tables available for displays and information. Banners are limited to the type that can hang on the front of a table.

**IF YOUR ORGANIZATION PLANS TO SET UP A TABLE AT FIRE SERVICE DAY, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH TABLES FOR EVERYONE WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE. (CALL ME at 203-494-7842 or EMAIL ME at collins@csfa.org)**

**9:00 AM to 10:15 AM** - Host legislators and the public meet in the North Lobby area on 1st floor of the Capitol. Uniformed Firefighters (Class A) arriving to participate in Fire Service Day should meet and mingle near the North Lobby. Fire/EMS Caucus members and all legislators will be able to meet with Firefighters in the North Lobby area from 9 AM to 2 PM.

**10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** – House leadership has not yet scheduled a start time for the session on May 29<sup>th</sup> but we expect that the session will begin sometime between 10am and noon. Uniformed Firefighters prepare to enter the chamber of the House of Representatives for the opening of the Session day. Our

goal is to fill the well of the House chamber with uniformed Firefighters. Please wear your Class A uniform if your schedule permits you to participate.

Bagpipes and a Fire Service Color Guard will march into House Chamber for the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer. Speaker of the House gavel in and begins the session, welcomes the Fire Service.

**11:00 AM to 1PM** – News Conference at podium in the North Lobby.

**12:00 to 2:00 PM** – Fire Service Day Ice Cream Social sponsored by Carvel Ice Cream of Watertown, CT, Shipman’s Fire Equipment and Gowans Knight Fire Apparatus and Equipment. Firefighters will distribute ice cream to the public.

I have attached an updated JF 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 “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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