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Everyone,

First, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make Fire Service Day at the Capitol a great success for the second year in a row. We had a variety of Fire Service organizations who set up informational displays and videos for the legislators and the public. We had a good number of legislators who took the time to drop by. Once again, we'd like to thank Shipman's Fire Equipment, Gowans Knight and Carvel of Watertown for sponsoring the ice cream social that was a hit.

The best news this week is that **S.B. 164** unanimously passed the Senate Thursday night 36-0 and passed the House Friday afternoon. In fact, it just passed the House a few minutes ago with a vote of 141-0 at about 2:30pm.

Here is a link to the legislation that was passed:

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/amd/S/pdf/2019SB-00164-R00SB-AMD.pdf>

Note that the bill was passed with the following amendment:

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/amd/S/pdf/2019SB-00164-R00SD-AMD.pdf>

We would like to give special thanks to President Pete Carozza of the UPFFA for his leadership on this successful bid for this much deserved legislation for our membership. Additionally, we would like to thank Dep. Chief Rick Hart and Chief John Oates for the months of hard work that they both put into the working group that put this legislation together. Also, we must not forget to thank all of the members of the Fire/EMS Caucus, especially the Co-chairs Representative Pat Boyd and Representative Ben McGorty

who helped all session long by using the caucus to educate legislators about the needs of the Fire Service.

I have attached an updated JF House Bill Status Report.

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