

ANNUAL REPORT
Of the
OFFICERS
Of the
CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION



ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIXTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT
13, 14, & 15 September 2019

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CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT

CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc. is established in order to form a more perfect organization, establish harmony of action, insure prosperity and success, provide pecuniary support, secure protection and promote the best interests of the firefighters of Connecticut and to compile statistics of information concerning the practical workings of various systems and the merits of various apparatus in use for the extinguishing of fires; also the cultivation of fraternal fellowship between the several departments of the State of Connecticut.

2019

CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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(860) 423-5799

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OFFICERS

John Carew., President	Allingtown, 06516
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Gerald V. Schaffer, Secretary	Mansfield Center, 06250
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CHAPLAINS

Reverend Kevin Donovan	Wolcott
Reverend Mark Byers	Thomaston
Reverend Thomas Berberich - Chaplain-Emeritus	Kent

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

P.P. Theodore Schroll Jr.	Wethersfield
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ASSISTANT TREASURER

Karin Halstead	Sandy Hook
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COUNTY VICE PRESIDENTS

Clarence Rees	Fairfield County
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James Koser	Litchfield County
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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

P.P. Lewis Clark, Chairman	Morris
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AUDIT COMMITTEE

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CONVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Michael Kelleher	Derby

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE E.M.S. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

P.P. Robert Guthrie	West Haven
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COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION & CONTROL

P.P. Frank Hilbert	Mystic
P.P. Charles M. Stankye III	Derby

MERIT AWARDS COMMITTEE

P.P. Charles M. Stankye III, Chairman	Derby
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P.P. James Wilkinson	Milford
P.P. James O'Neil	Thomaston
Treasurer William Coffey	Danbury
C.V.P. James Koser	Litchfield
David Bunnell	Middlebury
Charles Doback	Naugatuck
James Butler Sr.	Derby

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

P.P. Theodore Schroll Jr, Chairman	Wethersfield
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C.V.P. Wayne Fletcher	Ashford
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Dawn Schroll	Wethersfield
John Kupernik	Windsor Locks
Ronald Stolz	Yantic
William Talmadge	Litchfield

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

P.P. Ernest Herrick	Storrs
C.V.P. Wayne Fletcher	Ashford
Gerald V. Schaffer-Secretary-Treasurer	Mansfield
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Chester Haber	Berlin
Paul Walsh-Artist	New Britain
Jeffrey Morrisette	Windsor Locks
David Clark	Wethersfield
Robert Shea	Portland
Edward Urbansky	Glastonbury
Timothy Wall	Wallingford
Robert Reis	Ashford
Kevin Cooney	South Windsor
Hal Grout	East Hartford
Tim Pelton	Cheshire
Kevin McKeon	West Haven
Jackie Donovan	West Haven

REPRESENTATIVES TO FLANAGAN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

P.P. Stephan Brown	Windsor Locks
P.P. Thomas Murphy	Southington

REPRESENTATIVES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL

P.P. Robert Guthrie - Delegate	West Haven
P.P. Lewis Clark - Alternate	Morris

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

Timothy S. Wall, Chairman	Wallingford
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HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Asst. Treasurer Karin Halstead, Co Chairman	Sandy Hook
P.P. Lewis Clark, Co. Chairman	Morris
V.P. William Halstead	Sandy Hook
William Davin	Monroe
John Plofkin	Trumbull

HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE

P.P. Lewis Clark	Morris
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V.P. William Halstead	Sandy Hook
P.P. Fritz Hilbert	Mystic
P.P. James Wilkinson	Milford
P.P. Scott Potter	Thomaston



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

TO: Officers and Members of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association
FROM: Audit Committee
SUBJECT: Annual Audit of Records
DATE: August 8, 2019

As of this date, the financial records, accounts, and files of the Secretary and Treasurer have been analyzed by the Audit Committee. Comparisons of the transactions relating to income and operating expenses have reconciled the accounts of the savings and commercial deposits and also reviewed the fidelity bond of the Secretary and Treasurer that is in the custody of the President's files and find them satisfactory, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Michael Geyler

Greg M. Thompson

John P. Conner

Witness:

Karin M. Halstead



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Office of the Treasurer

Annual State Convention – 2018 Treasurer's Report of Association Funds

	Year Ending April 30, 2017	Year Ending April 30, 2018	Year Ending April 30, 2019
INCOME:			
Dues, Assessments & Fees	\$75,449.00	\$67,275.00	\$59,750.00
Interest on Savings Accounts	\$.32	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Hall of Fame Dinner	<u>\$26,575.00</u>	<u>\$23,790.00</u>	<u>\$32,118.00</u>
Total Receipts:	\$102024.32	\$91,065.00	\$91,868.00
EXPENSES:			
General Operating	\$72,114.72	\$64,938.97	\$56,748.51
Filing Fee for IRS 501-C3	\$875.00	\$895.00	\$ 995.00
President's Reception	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$ 0.00
National Vol Fire Council Meeting Exps	\$4374.37	\$1683.44	\$4410.47
Hall of Fame Dinner	\$23,466.75	\$20,561.90	\$25,334.65
Transfer to Conv Bond Acct	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$ 0.00
Re-purchased CD's	\$ n/a	\$ n/a	\$ n/a
Purchased CD (Hall of Fame Profit)	<u>\$ n/a</u>	<u>\$ n/a</u>	<u>\$ n/a</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$101,833.81	\$89,479.31	\$87,488.63
NET GAIN	\$190.51	\$1585.69	\$4379.37
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES:			
Checking-Bank of America-Assoc Funds	\$4444.30	\$9741.79	\$13,534.58
Savings-Bank of America-Assoc Funds	\$1324.20	\$3212.88	\$ 3214.48
Conv Bonds-Bank of America	\$6556.71	\$6958.06	<u>\$ 6959.68</u>
Sub Total Assets in all Accounts:			\$23,708.64
CD Invest-M&T Bank-various maturities:			
1. Fireman's Memorial (1)		\$12,444.72	\$12,463.40
2. CSFA Operational Acct (3)		\$18,938.94	\$18,957.89
3. Hall of Fame (4)		\$ 6618.40	<u>\$ 6526.59</u>
Sub Total Certificates with M&T Bank			\$37,947.88
Total Both Accounts			\$61,656.52

PAST PRESIDENTS

*Charles A. Gardenier	Bridgeport 1884 – 1886	*Joseph F. Farr	New Britain 1954
*Albert C. Hendrick	New Haven 1886 - 1888	*Robert F. Probst	South Kensington 1955
*Isaac B. Hyatt	Meriden 1888 - 1889	*Patrick M. Sherwin	Bridgeport 1956
*Nicholas Staub	New Milford 1890 - 1892	*William J. Canty	Burrville 1957
*Andrew J. Kennedy	New Haven 1892	*Frank R. Burnes	Hartford 1958
*Henry J. Eaton	Hartford 1893	*Howard G. Reynolds	Eagleville 1959
*William C. Smith	New Haven 1894	*Leno Vescovi	Groton 1960
*Morris Meyers	Danbury 1895	*Jack Smith	Milford 1961
*Clarence E. Palmer	Bridgeport 1896	*J. Franklyn Dunn	Middletown 1962
*Howard L. Stanton	Norwich 1897	*James A. McDermott	Danbury 1963
*Charles H. O'Neil	New Haven 1898	*George H. Thompson	Willimantic 1964
*George S. Pitt	Middletown 1899	*Anthony M. Rosso	Kensington 1965
*George Bowman	Stamford 1900	*John H. Tweed	Branford 1966
*John R. David	Hartford 1901	*Allan Bowkett	Thomaston 1967
*Thomas A. Gostel	Thomaston 1901	*Mortimer Swanson	New Britain 1968
*Edwin O. Goodwin	East Hartford 1903	*Benjamin Muzio	Staffordville 1969
*John F. Downey	Wallingford 1904	*Michael W. Carey	Bridgeport 1970
*George F. Beardslee	Bridgeport 1905	*Clinton L. Hughes	Wethersfield 1971
*Archibald McDonald	Putnam 1906	*Carl P. Sawyer	Groton 1972
*William B. Perkins	New Haven 1907	*John R. Northrup	Milford 1973
*John H. Hayes	Bristol 1908	*Maurice F. McCarthy, Sr.	Waterbury 1974
*Elbert W. Clark	South Norwalk 1909	*James R. Guthrie	West Haven 1975
*Anthony W. Bolan	Hartford 1910	*John J. Keenan	Stamford 1976
*P.F. Redmond	New Haven 1911	*Robert McKeon	Occum Norwich 1977
*John D. Milne	Norwalk 1912	*Donald E. Griffin	Hebron 1978
*James J. Toomey	New Britain 1913	*Charles Freimuth, Jr.	Terryville 1979
*M.J. Dailey	Bridgeport 1914	*Peter F. Phelan, Jr.	Milford 1980
*Wade U. Webster	Willimantic 1915	Ernest N. Herrick	Eagleville 1981
*Thomas W. Bennison	South Manchester 1916	*John E. Riordan	Middletown 1982
*D.W. Harford	Norwalk 1917	*John J. McAuliffe	Wethersfield 1983
*Charles E. Shackley	Stonington 1918	*Raymond A. Schaefer	Groton 1984
*Wm. Fenner Woodward	Danielson 1919	*Joseph Iacuone	Derby 1985
*Joseph E. Kelley	New Haven 1920	Paul G. Guilbert	Wilton 1986
*M.T. Souncy	New Britain 1921	*Jon Andresen	Windsor 1987
*George B. Milne	Rockville 1922	*John Griffin	Hartford 1988
*W.F. Nolan	Hartford 1923	Richard N. Symonds, Jr.	Tolland 1989
*Charles J. Heineman	Meriden 1924	Maurice F. McCarthy, Jr.	Waterbury 1990
*Charles H. Rose	New London 1925	Theodore H. Schroll, Jr.	Wethersfield 1991
*Edward J. Foley	Bridgeport 1926	William S. Johnson	West Haven 1992
*James C. McCoy	Waterbury 1927	*Charles M. Stankye, Jr.	Derby 1993
*William P. Carleton	New Haven 1928	James Morotto	Waterbury 1994
*William J. Crockett	South Manchester 1929	Clifford P. Brammer	Thomaston 1995
*Michael J. Whalen	Hamden 1930	Paul McAllister	Danbury 1996
*William H. Daley	Hartford 1931	David Dagon	East Hartford 1997
*Thomas C. Bracken	Branford 1932	Charles M. Stankye, III	Derby 1998
*William E. Sheehy, Jr.	Shelton 1933	Donald Charette	Waterbury 1999
*John H. Griffin	Norfolk 1934	*Ernest Bunnell	Northfield 2000
*Calvin N. Edmonds	New London 1935	*O'Neil Burrows	Watertown 2001
*Eugene J. Mulligan	New Haven 1936	Scott Potter	Thomaston 2002
*John J. Sullivan	East Hartford 1937	Scott Potter	Thomaston 2003
*John E. Graham	Waterbury 1938	William McAllister	Waterbury 2004
*Cornelius J. Carrigan	Terryville 1939	Robert Guthrie	West Haven 2005
*Charles H. Brundage	New Haven 1940	Robert Guthrie	West Haven 2006
*George Brencher	Darien 1941	James Wilkinson	Milford 2007
*Harold J. Leiberman	Norwich 1942	Lewis Clark	Litchfield 2008
*William H. Degnan	Derby 1943	Lewis Clark	Litchfield 2009
*John Bolan	Torrington 1944	Thomas Murphy	Southington 2010
*William T. Hamilton	New London 1945	Frank Hilbert	Mystic 2011
*Thomas J. Egan	New Britain 1946	Frank Hilbert	Mystic 2012
*Omer H. Bruneau	North Grosvenordale 1	James O'Neil	Thomaston 2013
*Andrew J. Flanagan	New Haven 1948	James O'Neil	Thomaston 2014
*Jesse C.A. Meeker	Danbury 1949	Vaughan Dumas	Orange 2015
*Bernard Fitzsimmons	Bristol 1950	Vaughan Dumas	Orange 2016
*James Grote	Chester 1951	Stephan Brown	Windsor Locks 2017
*Edward T. Turbert	New Haven 1952		
*Thomas L. Martin	New London 1953		

*DECEASED

Convention List

1884 Danbury	1931 West Haven	1978 Wethersfield
1885 New Haven	1932 Pawcatuck	1979 Uconn
1886 Bridgeport	1933 Old Saybrook	1980 Windsor
1887 Meriden	1934 Waterbury	1981 Wilton
1888 Norwich	1935 Plainfield	1982 Naugatuck
1889 Hartford	1936 Greenwich	1983 New London
1890 Waterbury	1937 Derby	1984 New Haven
1891 New Britain	1938 Milford	1985 Warehouse Point
1892 New Haven	1939 Bridgeport	1986 New London
1893 Danbury	1940 Danbury	1987 Derby
1894 Derby	1941 West Haven	1988 Manchester
1895 South Norwalk	1942 New Haven	1989 West Haven
1896 Willimantic	1943 Hartford	1990 Windsor Locks
1897 Middletown	1944 Groton	1991 Waterbury
1898 Stamford	1945 West Haven	1992 West Haven
1899 New London	1946 Torrington	1993 New London
1900 Wallingford	1947 Naugatuck	1994 Wethersfield
1901 Hartford	1948 Norwalk	1995 Jewett City
1902 West Haven	1949 West Haven	1996 Broadbrook
1903 Branford	1950 New London	1997 Ansonia
1904 Erast Hartford	1951 Stamford	1998 Cromwell-Portland-Westfield
1905 Meriden	1952 Naugatuck	1999 Derby
1906 West Haven	1953 Plainville	2000 East Haven
1907 New Haven	1954 New Haven / West Haven	2001 West Haven
1908 Norwich	1955 Bethel	2002 Thomaston
1909 New London	1956 Naugatuck	2003 Wethersfield
1910 Waterbury	1957 Bridgeport	2004 Cromwell
1911 Hartford	1958 Waterbury	2005 Canaan
1912 New London	1959 New London	2006 Derby-Shelton-Ansonia
1913 West Haven	1960 New London	2007 Allingtown (West Haven)
1914 Greenwich	1961 Bethel	2008 Cromwell
1915 New Haven	1962 Torrington	2009 Morris-Litchfield-Bantam-Northfield
1916 Thompsonville	1963 Naugatuck	2010 New London County Fire Chiefs
1917 Hartford	1964 Plainville	2011 Clinton
1918 Bridgeport	1965 Stamford	2012 North Haven
1919 New Haven	1966 New London	2013 South Windsor
1920 Hartford	1967 Stamford	2014 Litchfield
1921 New Haven	1968 West Shore (West Haven)	2015 Beacon Hose Co. & Citizen Eng. Co.
1922 New Britain	1969 Plainville	2016 New London County Fire Chiefs
1923 Rockville	1970 Southington	2017 Taftville Fire Department
1924 West Haven	1971 Naugatuck	2018 Avon Fire Department
1925 New Haven	1972 Wethersfield	2019 Huntington Fire Department - Shelton
1926 New London	1973 Danbury	2020 OPEN
1927 West Haven	1974 Waterbury	2021 Eagle Hose Co.#6 - Ansonia
1928 New Haven	1975 West Haven	
1929 East Hartford	1976 New London	
1930 Bridgeport	1977 Naugatuck	

The above list was compiled with assistance of the following: Past Presidents Richard Symonds, Theodore Schroll Jr., Robert Guthrie, The Connecticut Firemen's Historical Society, Fred Pommer, David Macy and the Connecticut Firemen Publication.

Lewis Clark, Legislative Committee Chairman
Connecticut State Firefighters Association
P.O. Box 9
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

September 3rd, 2019

Subject: 2019 Legislative Summary Report

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Prior to the start of the 2019 legislative session of the Connecticut General Assembly, a meeting of the Fire/EMS Caucus of legislators was held on December 12th, 2018. Representatives Pat Boyd (D) and Ben McGorty (R) organized the meeting and co-chaired the bipartisan caucus for the long session. Representative Michelle Cook (D) and Senator George Logan (R) were selected and announced as vice-chairs for their respective parties. At this first meeting, the CSFA list of legislative priorities was presented to the legislators on the Fire/EMS Caucus. The list of legislative priorities were agreed upon by CSFA member representatives who attended the association's Annual Legislative Meeting the previous November. By the end of the 2019 session, three meetings of the Fire/EMS Caucus were held and the group continued to report a membership of more than 40 partisan members. Throughout the session, media recordings of these caucus meetings were available online to the public on the Connecticut Network (CT-N) website. It should be noted that the internet links for the Fire/EMS Caucus meetings received thousands of hits. We believe this social media publicity had a positive impact on our efforts this past year.

The 2019 legislative long session began on January 9th and continued until June 5th. During the session, 120 proposed bills related to public safety in the Connecticut House and Senate were tracked. These bills either directly or indirectly influenced the Fire Service. During this past session, CSFA actively pursued the following top legislative priorities:

- Continuation of funding through bonding for building Regional Fire Schools
- Continuation of funding of the operating budgets of the Regional Fire Schools
- Passage of the PTSD Bill (S.B. 164)
- Block attempts to legalize consumer grade fireworks in Connecticut (S.B. 664)
- Block attempts to legalize mobile retail gasoline re-fueling in Connecticut (H.B. 7299, section 4)

By mid-April, the broad list of tracked bills was reduced to include only bills that successfully passed Joint Favorably out of their respective legislative committees, and, the number of tracked bills was reduced to 30. By the end of the session, 11 of these proposed bills were passed into law:

H.B. 5125 - AN ACT INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDERS. To increase the property tax abatement for certain first responders from one thousand dollars to one thousand five hundred dollars.

H.B. 5455 - AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFIED FOREST FIRE FIGHTERS. To allow the state forest fire warden to supplement existing staff resources with individuals who meet certain federal forest firefighter training and qualification requirements.

H.B. 5575 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS FOR FIRE STARTING BEHAVIOR TREATMENT. To permit the court to suspend a delinquency proceeding for certain fire-starting offenses and order a child to participate in a fire-starting behavior treatment program.

H.B. 6146 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF CERTIFICATION COURSES IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND EDUCATION AND TRAINING COURSES IN THE USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF FIRST AID. To expand certification courses in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for lifeguards and education and training courses in the use of automatic external defibrillators and the administration of first aid.

H.B. 7229 - AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN RENTAL UNITS. To modify existing requirements for landlords to provide notice of fire suppression systems to tenants.

H.B. 7394 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A FIRST RESPONDER AND A PEER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER. To ensure the confidentiality of certain communications that take place between a first responder and a peer support team member.

S.B. 164 - AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS, MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND WELLNESS TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS, PAROLE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS. To expand workers' compensation coverage in certain situations that result in mental or emotional impairment.

S.B. 380 - AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND WELLNESS TRAINING AND SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR POLICE OFFICERS. To promote mental health and wellness training and suicide prevention for police officers in the state.

S.B. 556 - AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN RETIRED PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES. To permit any municipality, by a two-thirds vote of its legislative body, to annually pay a retired public safety employee who suffered serious and permanent bodily injury in the line of duty and who retired as a result thereof, up to the age of sixty-five, the difference between such employee's disability pay and such employee's regular rate of pay prior to retirement.

S.B. 795 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS. To protect physicians and other health care professionals who use automated external defibrillators in the scope of their practice or employment against civil liability when the automatic external defibrillator malfunctions.

S.B. 1082 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS. To require the Division of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications to develop additional incentives for the regionalization of public safety answering points and make recommendations

to the General Assembly for how to remove barriers to the consolidation of such answering points.

H.B. 7424 - Provided funding for the Middlesex Regional Fire School project.

In addition to regularly meeting with the Joint Council throughout the session, meetings were attended with the CSFA membership, the U.P.F.F.A., the Connecticut Fire Chiefs, the Career Chiefs, the Irregulars, Connecticut Fire Marshals and the Fire Department Instructors. Reports on legislative news and progress for the Fire Service were prepared and distributed to each of these groups. Progress of legislative bills impacting the Fire Service was submitted weekly for publication to the State Fire Administrator's internet listserv, and on our website. The CSFA webmaster continued to use social media such as Facebook and Twitter to communicate progress and news related to the bills that were tracked. Throughout the session, legislators were lobbied to keep the financial needs of the Fire Service included in all proposed budgets from the Appropriations Committee and from the members of General Assembly.

One of the most important successes of this past legislative session was the continued funding of the operating budgets of the Regional Fire Schools. Once again, the Fire/EMS Caucus was an integral part of educating members of the General Assembly's House and Senate regarding the importance of funding the necessary Fire Service education for recruits as well as the required continuing education for both veteran and career firefighters.

Additionally, the passage of S.B. 164, "The PTSD Bill", was a tremendous victory for both volunteer and career firefighters and also for fire-based EMS first responders. Next year, we hope that the mental health coverage that this law now provides will be expanded to include all EMS first responders in Connecticut.

It should also be noted that for the second year in a row, a bill that attempted to legalize dangerous consumer grade fireworks in Connecticut (S.B. 664) was successfully blocked from passage into legislation. Also, the proposed legislation that would have legalized mobile retail gasoline sales in Connecticut (H.B. 7299, section 4) was successfully blocked. Once again, the effort to keep these bills from becoming law were excellent examples of successful cooperation between multiple Fire Service organizations in Connecticut with the goal of keeping life, limb and property safe in our state.

I would like to thank the leadership of the Connecticut Fire Service organizations that supported the efforts that successfully represented the Connecticut State Firefighters Association this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Collins
Legislative Representative
Connecticut State Firefighters Association

IN MEMORIAM

DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

**Lieutenant Douglas Knowlton
Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department**

**Firefighter/Paramedic James Woodman
West Haven Fire Department**

AGENDA
136TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
SHELTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
675 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, NORTH
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT

SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 1030 hours by President John Carew

MOTION: The Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn for 25 minutes for County Caucuses in order to elect County Vice Presidents. If a decision has not been reached in 25 minutes, then in accordance with the Bylaws, the Convention delegates will decide.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS: by: American Legion Post 16

NATIONAL ANTHEM: by Soloist Kyla Hackett

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: by President John Carew

INVOCATION: by Father Kevin Donovan

GREETINGS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: Honorable Governor Ned Lamont

GREETINGS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT: Mr. Jeffrey Morrisette, State Fire Admin.

GREETINGS FROM THE CITY OF SHELTON: Mayor Mark Lauretti

GREETINGS FROM THE SHELTON FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Francis T. Jones III

GREETINGS FROM THE SHELTON POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Shawn Sequeira

GREETINGS FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE: President Robert Araujo

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER OFFICIALS:

Members of State Legislator

Past Presidents of Connecticut State Firefighters Association

Presidents of various Connecticut Fire Service Organizations

Mr. Peter Carozza - President - Uniformed Professional Firefighters Assn. of Conn.

Mr. Richard Hart - Legislative Rep. - Uniformed Professional Firefighters Assn. of Conn.

MOTION: The Chair will entertain a motion to accept and place on file all committee reports as printed in the Annual Report.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Father Kevin Donovan

PRESENTATION OF LEGISLATIVE AWARDS: President John Carew & Legislative Rep. Leon Collins

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: P.P. Theodore Schroll Jr., Chairman-Credentials Committee.

OLD BUSINESS: There is no Old Business to come before the Delegates. .

NEW BUSINESS:

1). **MOTION:** To continue payment to the 7 members already on the list of totally and permanently disabled firefighters.

2). **MOTION:** To accept the location of any other Conventions not yet committed.

3). **NEW BUSINESS:**

ELECTION OF OFFICER'S OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOC.

CHAPLAIN: 1). Reverend Kevin Donovan - Wolcott

2). Reverend Mark Byers - Thomaston

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF TREASURER;

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY:

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:

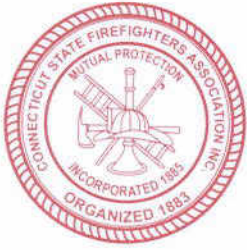
NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT:

PRESENTATION OF THE MERIT AWARDS: P.P. Charles M. Stankye III, Chairman - Merit Awards Committee

READING OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION: Secretary Gerald V. Schaffer (This includes all State Officers and County Vice Presidents.)

BENEDICTION: by the Father Mark Byers



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

State of Connecticut

Line of Duty Death Support

Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) Information Available through the Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard

While it is hoped that your organization will never need it, the PSOB system is managed by the Department of Justice, it will provide death, disability and education benefits to the survivors of fallen police officers, firefighters and first responders. The Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard in conjunction with Local Assistance State Team (LAST) is the best two prong approach for any department dealing with a Line of Duty Death. (LODD). They have several members that have taken the PSOB benefit training program as well as two members associated with the honor guard who tech the PSOB program across the country. To obtain additional support or information regarding the PSOB you should contact Jeff Morrissette, State Fire Administrator at (860-623-6363, Ext. 230 or jeffmorrissette@ct.gov who will direct you to the Commander of the Statewide Honor Guard.

<https://www.psob.gov/files/PSOB-FS.pdf>

<https://www.firehero.org/resources/department/last>



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the following rates for payment of benefits to members of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc. are effective February 16, 2017 until further notice as prescribed by the current By-Laws of the Association.

Temporary Disability Benefits –

Article IX, Section XII – rate set at \$23.00 per day for career firefighter, 5 days per week, first 7 days omitted.
rate set at \$29.00 per day for volunteer firefighter, 6 days per week.

Total Permanent Disability Benefit –

Article X, Section 1h – rate set at \$23.00 per day for career firefighter, 5 days.
rate set at \$29.00 per day for volunteer firefighter, 6 days.

Total Permanent Disability Children Benefit –

Article X, Section II – rate set at \$140.00 per week - (\$20.00 per day).

Line of Duty Death Benefit –

Article XI, Section 1a(1) – rate set at \$20,000.00, maximum benefit.

Surviving Dependent Children Benefit –

Article XI, Section 1a(2) (a) – rate set at \$161.00 per week, (\$23.00 per day).

Voted unanimously by the Executive Committee at the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc meeting held at Wethersfield, Connecticut on *February 16, 2017*

Attest:

Gerald V. Schaffer

February 16, 2017



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date: _____

Company Application: _____

Department Application: _____

Position in Department: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Signature of Chief of Department: _____

Name of Department Affiliation: _____

A check for \$80.00 must accompany Company Membership Application

A check for \$35.00 must accompany Department Membership Application

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Membership Number: _____

Executive Committee Vote: _____

Recorded to File On: _____

The Andrew J. Flanagan Memorial Fund Association

Peter E. Beckwith, Secretary
125 South Farms Drive, Manchester, CT 06040-6676
860-646-4242

March 8, 2019

To: Presidents, Ct Fire Service Organizations
CSFA County Vice Presidents

Andrew Flanagan Memorial Fund Association Scholarship Awards

This is to advise your organization that the following individuals have been selected to receive a Flanagan Fund Scholarship for the first semester of the 2017-2018 academic year. Upon satisfactory completion of the 2nd semester and the submission of the 2nd semester Transcript, a 2nd award will be given.

Michael Bazzano
Simsbury Vol. F.D.

Christopher Brigham
New Haven F.D.

Michael Duffy
Bethel Vol. F.D.

Jacob Fletcher
Ashford Vol. F.D.

Austin Hathaway
Shelton Vol. F.D.

Michael Simons
Shelton Vol. F.D.

Also, one of the Applicants is selected to receive his award from the CT. Fire Department Instructor's Association, and this year, Adam Jakubowski, Greenwich F.D. was selected to receive the CFDIA award.

Please feel free to pass on this information to your membership.

Fraternally yours,

Peter E. Beckwith, Secretary

UPCOMING CONVENTION SCHEDULE

2019 HUNTINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT - (SHELTON)

2020 OPEN

2021 EAGLE HOSE COMPANY #6 – (ANSONIA)

2022 OPEN

2023 OPEN



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The Hall of Fame Award was created in April 2009 to recognize, and honor, members of the CT Fire Service both living and deceased who have contributed to the betterment of the Fire Service locally, statewide and nationally.

All of the honorees have been recognized after being nominated by their peers in the Fire Service. We also recognize the history of the CSFA and the foresight of the nine "Founding Fathers" whom created the organization on March 24, 1885, as listed in Connecticut Senate Resolution No. 26.

Class of 2009

C.A. Gerdenier, Birdgeport

A.C. Hendrick, New Haven

W.B. Thomas, New London

H.P. Stevens, Danbury

Isaac B. Hyatt, Meriden

Samuel C. Snagg, Waterbury

John S. Jones, Westport

Henry J. Eaton, Hartford

Joseph B. Carrier, Norwich

Raymond Gergler, Eagleville

Ernest N. Herrick, Egelville

Clinton Hughes, Wethersfield

William S. Johnson, West Haven

Avery W. Lamphier, Watertown

John J. McAuliffe Jr. Wethersfield

Robert (Red) McKeon, Occum

Richard P. Sylvia, Darien

Class of 2010

Father Thomas Berberich, Kent

Allan Bowkett, Thomaston

Edward J. Cotter, Derby

Andrew J. Flanagan, New Haven

James R. Guthrie, West Haven

Chester J. Haber Sr., Berlin

Edward F. Haber, Berlin

Class of 2011

Peter Beckwith, Manchester

Ernest Bunnell, Northfield

Robert Cady, Lebanon

Peter Carozza, Waterbury

James Doherty, Cheshire

Charles Freimuth, Terryville

James Grote, Chester

Class of 2010 (cont)

Lawrence P. Hurlbut, Winchester
Walter (Corky) O'Connor, New Britain
Howard G. Reynolds, Eagleville
Theodore Schroll, Wethersfield
John Shanaghan, East Haddam
Leno (Hank) Vescovi, Groton Submarine Base

Class 2012

Clifford Brammer, Thomaston
Walter Brocar, New Haven
O'Neil S. Burrows, Watertown
Robert J. Chatfield, Prospect
William Coffey, Danbury
Donald Lewis, West Haven
Joe Moehring, Stamford
Thomas Murphy, Southington
Gerald Schaffer, Eagleville/Mansfield
William Schietinger, Bridgeport
George Thompson Jr. Eagleville/Mansfield

Class of 2011 (cont)

William Halstead, Sandy Hook
Adrian (Andy) Ouellette, Broad Brook
Peter Phelan, Milford
Raymond Shea, West Hartford
Charles Stankye Jr., Derby

Class 2013

Lewis R. Clark, Morris
Charles H. Davin, Monroe
Clyde Finger, Bethel
Michael Grant, New Haven
Robert J. Guthrie, West Haven
Alan R. Hawkins, Storrs/Mansfield
Charles McInerney, Westfield.Mdltwn
Paul M. Metsack, Ashford
Scott Potter, Thomaston
John Reardon, New Haven
Ronald J. Samul. New London
James G. Wino, Waterford



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Class of 2016 (cont)

John E. Obier Jr., North Haven

Gary M, Parker, Derby

Charles Perotti, North Canaan

Kenneth W. Richards Jr. Old Mystic

Class of 2017 (cont)

George H. Quinn, Bethany

Clarence Rees, Bethel

David Sanford, West Redding *

Robert G, Sawyer III., N. Stonington

*Edward Amatrudo-Poquonnock
Bridge, Noank, Westbrook, Nichols,
Branford, North Branford & Guilford

*David Sanford-West Redding, Danbury,
Wilton & Westport

Class of 2018

Thomas Bartram, Sharon

Wayne J. Bindas, Hartford, Granby, & Lost Acres

Edward Flynn, New Haven

Michael Gergler, Eagleville/Mansfield

Thurston "Doc" Howard, Waterford

Richard Palmer, Eagleville/Mansfield

Theodore (Teddy) Smith, Beacon Falls

Timothy S. Wall, Wallingford

Richard E. Whitehouse, Ashford

Class of 2019

James C. Armstrong, Andover/Columbia

William J. DeFord, CT Fire Academy

Louis DeMici, Danbury/UPFFA

James M. Eastwood, Fairfield

Marquam R. Johnson, Barkhamsted

Daniel Keogh, Pqk Bridge/Mashantucket

James C. Koser, Litchfield

John B. McAllister, Wtrby/Colebrook

Denis McCarthy, Fairfield

John Oates, East Hartford

John Sullivan, Naugatuck



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SAVE THE DATE*****

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Aqua Turf - Southington, CT.

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Click onto Connecticut State Firefighters Association

Or call the Association Office at

(860-423-5799)