



**State of Connecticut
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control**

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1. 2017 CFA Seminar – Leading With Attitude – **Tomorrow – Walk-ins Welcome** – Last Chance

Speaker: Eddie Buchanan, Hanover Fire & EMS

Course #s: Saturday March 25th (17351) Walk-ins welcome

Course Fee: \$65.00

Course Description:

This program will explore how we, as individuals, can help ensure our departments are on track and ways we can truly make a difference in our organization, regardless of rank.

It's easy to complain about the job, but what can you really do about it! What can you do about others who don't love it like you do? This program offers a rankless "gut check" into how we each contribute to the success of the fire service. Concepts such as loyalty alignment, followership, and attitude are explored in detail and tangible techniques to facilitate change are offered.

Instructor Biography:

Eddie Buchanan began his fire service career in 1982 and is an assistant chief with Hanover Fire & EMS in Richmond, VA. He is a past president of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors and is the 2015 recipient of the George D. Post, Instructor of the Year Award from the ISFSI. He serves on the NFPA Technical Committee on Fire Service Training and the newly formed NFPA 1700 Committee. He is a past board member of the Volunteer/Combination Officer's Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and serves on a variety of advisory boards and committees for the fire service industry. Chief Buchanan is known for the creation of the SLICE-RS concept that is part of the ISFSI Principles of Modern Fire Attack Program.

For more info: <http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=590414&A=833>

2. EMT Refresher - April 2017

Seat Available: Emergency Medical Technician Refresher (EMT-R) and Emergency Medical Responder Refresher (EMR-R)

Sponsor: Connecticut Fire Academy

There are plenty of open seats for the EMT Refresher to be held at the Connecticut Fire Academy

Date: Four Weekdays; **Mondays and Wednesdays: April 03, 05, 10 and 12, 2017**

Emergency Medical Technician Refresher (EMT-R) Class to be held at the CFA

This Completely Revised Program reviews and refreshes knowledge and skills required for Emergency Medical Responders and

Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified according to the latest U.S. DOT EMT-Basic National Standard Curriculum.

Classroom and "hands-on" training will update the EMR and EMT on current practices and confirm skill levels.

A review and renewal of Healthcare Provider CPR will be conducted in conformance with the latest JAMA standards

through approved program of the American Heart Association.

Written and practical examinations will be conducted in conformance with the policies established by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Training Prerequisites: Certified Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Proof must be submitted with application.

Required Text: **AAOS Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured 11th edition.....cost \$137.95**

Optional Study Aid: Jones and Bartlett Navigate TEST PREP: EMT.....cost \$63.95

Class Hours: 32

Course Number: 17211

Course Fee: \$250.00

3. Request Your U.S. Representative to Sign the AFG/SAFER Funding Letter

The co-chairs of the House Fire Services Caucus are circulating a sign-on letter asking the House Appropriations Committee to provide \$405 million each for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs in FY 2018. AFG provides funding to local fire and EMS agencies to purchase equipment, training and vehicles, while SAFER funding

is used to hire career firefighters and recruit and retain volunteer firefighters. You can use the NVFC's Legislative Action Center to contact your U.S. Representative to ask that they sign the letter. [Take Action](#)

4. CSFA Legislative Update and Legislative Bill Tracking as of March 23, 2017

To see the full list of legislative bills that we are tracking, see the attached Legislative Update and CSFA House Bill Status Report.

<http://csfa.org/csfa-legislative-update-with-house-bill-status-report-march-23rd-2017-from-leon-collins/>

Leon Collins, Legislative Representative
The Connecticut State Firefighters Association
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5. Vehicle Extrication Training

S. Windsor Extrication-"One day vehicle extrication class April 9, 2017 S. Windsor CT This class will feature 4 pits featuring realistic extrication scenarios with complex entrapments. Students will be required to develop multi-faceted extrication game plans in order to stabilize, disentangle, and ultimately extricate. Mainly Hands On with various extrication, stabilization, lifting, displacement etc. systems in play". Visit our website www.ctcustomfiretraining.com for more info or to register online.

6. Basic & Advanced Lifting & Stabilization Classes

Saturday April 29th, 2017 Basic Lifting & Stabilization: Class covers the basics of lifting & stabilization using an array of equipment commonly used by first responders including high & low pressure lift bags, struts, hydraulic jacks, griphoists, levers, Res-q-Jacks etc.

Sunday April 30th, 2017 Advanced Lifting & Stabilization: Students will operate as a member of a rescue team and work to free confirmed pins trapped in realistic, challenging scenarios.

Both classes offered individually or taken together with a 2-day discount.

Cost per student: \$125.00 per day, \$225.00 special for those registering for both days.

Classes to be held in Enfield, CT

See attached flyer or contact paul@ctcustomfiretraining.com

7. Fire Service Day at the Capitol – **March 29, 2017** – Save the Date

The Joint Council of Connecticut Fire Service Organizations annual **Fire Service Day** at the State Capitol in Hartford will be held on **Wednesday, March 29, 2017** from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. All fire service personnel are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend!! Please contact members of your legislative delegation and

invite them to visit displays in the Concourse area between the Legislative Office Building and State Capitol. Better yet, schedule a meeting with your legislators for that day and personally escort them to visit the displays.

Shipman's Fire Equipment will be sponsoring a breakfast gathering at the Officer's Club in the State Armory next door to the Legislative Office Building prior to the start of Fire Service Day at the Capitol on March 29th. They plan to display and demo their Scott mask thermal imaging device and a new RIT bag set-up at the breakfast. Start time is 8:00 a.m.

See the attached broacher with the list of Joint Council Legislative Priorities

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL

**CGA Bill Tracking List: CT 2017
LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Tracked Bills

Bill No.	Title/Statement of Purpose	Public Hearing Date	Committee Actions	File No.	House Actions	Senate Actions	Governor's Actions/Act No(s).	Other Actions
Proposed HB-5089	<p>AN ACT ELIMINATING THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO STATE AND REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING SCHOOLS.</p> <p>To provide state funding to state and regional fire training schools by eliminating the Citizens' Election Program.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				01-04 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GAE			
Proposed HB-5125	<p>AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS TO VOLUNTEER.</p> <p>To require public assistance recipients to engage in volunteer service benefiting their communities.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				01-04 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS			
Proposed HB-5129	<p>AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS TO VOLUNTEER IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.</p> <p>To require public assistance recipients to engage in volunteer service benefiting their communities.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				01-04 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS			
Proposed HB-5175	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS.</p> <p>To provide incentives for public safety answering points to become part of a regional emergency telecommunications center or multitown public safety answering point.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				01-04 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS			

Comm. HB-5176	<p>AN ACT INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR LOCAL VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL.</p> <p>To authorize municipalities to increase the property tax exemption for local volunteer emergency service personnel.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-16	<p>03-07 PS - Joint Favorable</p> <p>01-26 PS - Vote to Draft</p>		<p>02-01 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p> <p>01-31 HCO - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE</p> <p>01-04 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			
Proposed HB-5177	<p>AN ACT INCORPORATING THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE INTO THE STATE BUILDING CODE.</p> <p>To incorporate the International Property Maintenance Code into the State Building Code to establish minimum maintenance standards for basic equipment, light, ventilation, heating, sanitation and fire safety.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-16	<p>01-26 PS - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing</p>		<p>01-04 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			
Proposed HB-5201	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING A MORATORIUM ON NEW BOND AUTHORIZATIONS.</p> <p>To place a two-year moratorium, beginning July 1, 2017, on new bond authorizations, except for purposes related to emergency spending.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				<p>01-05 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN</p>			
Proposed HB-5207	<p>AN ACT IMPOSING A SURCHARGE ON CERTAIN PERSONAL RISK INSURANCE POLICIES TO FUND REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOLS' OPERATING BUDGETS AND CERTAIN FIREFIGHTER TRAINING COSTS.</p> <p>To impose a surcharge on the net direct premiums of homeowners and renters insurance policies written on property or risks located or resident in this state, to fund the operating budgets of regional fire schools, certain training costs and fees and purchases of fire equipment.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-16	<p>01-19 INS - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing</p>		<p>01-05 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON INS</p>			

Proposed HB-5235	<p>AN ACT PLACING A TWO-YEAR MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES.</p> <p>To place a moratorium on certain taxes and fees and determine the revenue loss or gain resulting from such moratorium.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				<p>01-06 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN</p>			
Proposed HB-5236	<p>AN ACT EXEMPTING SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS FROM THE SALES TAX.</p> <p>To exempt smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors from the sales tax.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				<p>01-06 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN</p>			
Comm. HB-5278	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING PAID SICK LEAVE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCHERS AND CALL RECEIVING OPERATORS.</p> <p>To include emergency medical dispatchers and call receiving operators under existing paid sick leave law.</p> <p>House Cal: 77 Senate Cal:</p>	<p>01-31</p>	<p>03-02 LAB - Joint Favorable</p> <p>02-21 LAB - Vote to Draft</p> <p>01-19 LAB - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>02-24 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB</p> <p>02-23 HCO - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE</p> <p>01-06 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB</p>			
Proposed HB-5294	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND DISBURSEMENTS FOR TOBACCO USE CESSATION PROGRAMS.</p> <p>To require proper use of funds in the Tobacco Settlement Fund.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>		<p>01-25 PH - Change of Reference APP</p>		<p>01-26 HCO - CHG. REF., HOUSE TO COMM. ON APP</p> <p>01-06 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH</p>	<p>01-26 SCO - CHG. REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APP</p>		

Proposed HB-5296	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OR DELIVERY OF BODY ARMOR TO FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.</p> <p>To allow firefighters and persons who provide emergency medical services to more easily obtain body armor for use in dangerous work environments.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-16	<p>01-26 PS - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing</p>		<p>01-06 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			
Comm. HB-5297	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING INTIMIDATION BASED ON BIGOTRY OR BIAS AGAINST A PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE.</p> <p>To include within the offense of intimidation based on bigotry or bias the act of a person intimidating or harassing another person because such other person is a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>		<p>01-26 PS - Vote to Draft</p>		<p>02-01 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p> <p>01-31 HCO - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE</p> <p>01-06 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			
Comm. HB-5298	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND PATIENTS DURING EMERGENCIES.</p> <p>To require the Commissioner of Public Health to adopt regulations concerning guidelines for the operation of emergency medical service systems during extreme weather conditions or a declared state of emergency.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-16	<p>03-15 PS - Joint Favorable</p> <p>01-26 PS - Vote to Draft</p>		<p>02-09 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p> <p>02-08 HCO - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE</p> <p>01-06 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			
Proposed HB-5299	<p>AN ACT REQUIRING 9-1-1 CALLS TO BE ROUTED TO THE NEAREST PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT.</p> <p>To require 9-1-1 calls be routed to the nearest public safety answering point.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-16	<p>02-24 PS - Vote to Draft</p> <p>02-02 PS - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing</p>		<p>01-06 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			

Proposed HB-5675	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO OBTAIN BULLETPROOF VESTS.</p> <p>To establish a competitive grant program for emergency medical personnel to obtain bulletproof vests.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				<p>01-13 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			
Proposed HB-5727	<p>AN ACT EXEMPTING STIPENDS PAID TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX.</p> <p>To exempt stipends paid to volunteer firefighters from the personal income tax.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				<p>01-17 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN</p>			
<p>Comm. *HB-5755</p>	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES' LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN.</p> <p>To clarify the minimum number of emergency medical services providers required to carry an opioid antagonist pursuant to a municipality's local emergency medical services plan and to align terminology with the terminology in the relevant section of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies.</p> <p>House Cal: 110 Senate Cal:</p>	02-10	<p>03-06 PH - Joint Favorable Substitute</p> <p>02-15 PH - Vote to Draft</p> <p>01-25 PH - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing</p>	115	<p>02-23 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH</p> <p>02-22 HCO - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE</p> <p>01-17 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH</p>			
Proposed HB-5767	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF GRILLS IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM COMPLEXES.</p> <p>To revise the State Fire Prevention Code with respect to the use of grills in certain condominium complexes.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-16	<p>02-02 PS - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing</p>		<p>01-17 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			

Proposed HB-5894	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND AND MONEYS RECEIVED FROM TOBACCO TAXES.</p> <p>To ensure that a percentage of state funds in the Tobacco Settlement Fund and moneys derived from taxes on tobacco products are allocated to programs that ameliorate the ill effects of tobacco products.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>		<p>02-14 FIN - Change of Reference APP</p>		<p>02-15 HCO - CHG. REF., HOUSE TO COMM. ON APP</p> <p>01-19 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN</p>	<p>02-15 SCO - CHG. REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APP</p>		
Comm. HB-6038	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING GOOD SAMARITAN PROTECTIONS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS WHO RENDER EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO ANIMALS.</p> <p>To extend the Good Samaritan law to apply to first responders who provide emergency medical assistance to animals.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-16	<p>03-08 PS - Joint Favorable Substitute</p>		<p>02-01 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p> <p>01-31 HCO - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE</p> <p>01-19 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			
Proposed HB-6039	<p>AN ACT DEFINING PEACE OFFICER TO INCLUDE TELECOMMUNICATORS.</p> <p>To include a person employed as a telecommunications operator by any public safety agency or private safety agency under the definition of a peace officer.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				<p>01-19 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			
Proposed HB-6042	<p>AN ACT PERMITTING THE USE OF GRILLS ON OUTDOOR PATIOS AT CONDOMINIUMS.</p> <p>To amend the State Fire Prevention Code to permit the use of grills on the outdoor patios and decks at condominiums.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				<p>01-19 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			

Proposed HB-6043	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN CERTAIN BUSINESSES.</p> <p>To promote the safety of workers and customers by ensuring that certain businesses are equipped with carbon monoxide detectors.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-16	<p>02-02 PS - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing</p>		<p>01-19 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			
Proposed HB-6049	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING ANNUAL INSPECTIONS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS.</p> <p>To require the Department of Motor Vehicles to annually inspect fire department apparatus.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-06	<p>01-30 TRA - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing</p>		<p>01-19 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA</p>			
Comm. HB-6258	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING INTIMIDATION ON ACCOUNT OF OCCUPATION AS A PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE.</p> <p>To include within the offense of intimidation based on bigotry or bias the act of a person intimidating or harassing another person because such other person is a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-21	<p>03-07 PS - Joint Favorable</p> <p>02-02 PS - Vote to Draft</p>		<p>02-16 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p> <p>02-15 HCO - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE</p> <p>01-20 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			
Proposed HB-6283	<p>AN ACT EXPANDING THE "MOVE OVER" LAW FOR VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONDERS.</p> <p>To allow volunteer first responders to respond to an emergency call in a quick and safe manner.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-22	<p>01-30 TRA - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing</p>		<p>01-20 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA</p>			

<p>Comm. *HB-6329</p>	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT.</p> <p>To permanently prohibit the storage, disposal, handling and use of hydraulic fracturing waste in Connecticut.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	<p>03-13</p>	<p>03-22 ENV - Joint Favorable</p> <p>02-08 ENV - Vote to Draft</p>		<p>03-08 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV</p> <p>03-07 HCO - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE</p> <p>01-23 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV</p>			
<p>Proposed HB-6359</p>	<p>AN ACT INCREASING THE CIGARETTE TAX RATE.</p> <p>To increase the cigarette tax rate.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				<p>01-23 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN</p>			
<p>Proposed HB-6486</p>	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEDICAL TREATMENT OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS BY FIRST RESPONDERS.</p> <p>To allow first responders to provide first aid treatment to domestic animals.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				<p>01-23 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH</p>			
<p>Proposed HB-6680</p>	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS.</p> <p>To fund municipal volunteer fire departments.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	<p>02-22</p>	<p>02-02 PD - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing</p>		<p>01-24 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD</p>			
<p>Proposed HB-6690</p>	<p>AN ACT ALLOWING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS TO CARRY A FIREARM.</p> <p>To allow emergency medical services providers to carry a firearm if they have a permit.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				<p>01-24 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH</p>			

Proposed HB-6694	<p>AN ACT REQUIRING A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK FOR PERSONS WHO ENROLL IN A CLASS FOR CERTIFICATION AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.</p> <p>To require a criminal history records check for persons who enroll in a class for certification as emergency medical services personnel.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				<p>01-24 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH</p>			
Proposed HB-6712	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSAULT OF POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL.</p> <p>To increase the penalty for assaulting a reasonably identifiable police officer, firefighter or employee of an emergency medical service organization from performing his or her services.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				<p>01-24 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			
Comm. HB-6715	<p>AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE INTENTIONAL INJURY OR KILLING OF POLICE ANIMALS OR DOGS IN VOLUNTEER CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS.</p> <p>To increase the penalties for intentionally injuring or killing any police animal or dog that is a member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	<p>02-16</p>	<p>03-08 PS - Joint Favorable</p>		<p>03-15 HCO - FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM.ON JUD</p> <p>02-01 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p> <p>01-31 HCO - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE</p> <p>01-24 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>	<p>03-16 SCO - FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON JUD</p>		

Proposed HB-6717	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE "MOVE OVER" LAW FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL.</p> <p>To allow volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical personnel to respond to an emergency call in a quick and safe manner.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-06	01-30 TRA - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing		01-24 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA			
Proposed HB-6721	<p>AN ACT EXPANDING THE "MOVE OVER" LAW FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL.</p> <p>To require motor vehicle operators to pull over to the edge of the roadway upon the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle with flashing lights operated by volunteer firefighters or emergency medical personnel.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-22	01-30 TRA - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing		01-24 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA			
Proposed HB-6909	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR FIRST RESPONDER DIVE TEAMS AND K9 SEARCH AND RESCUE PERSONNEL.</p> <p>To provide workers' compensation coverage for first responder dive teams and canine rescue personnel.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				01-25 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB			
Proposed HB-6915	<p>AN ACT INCREASING THE PREVAILING WAGE THRESHOLD FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REMODELING PROJECTS.</p> <p>To permit volunteer fire departments to complete remodeling projects within budgetary constraints.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				01-25 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB			

<p>Proposed HB-6953</p>	<p>AN ACT RELEASING CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FROM LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM FIRE.</p> <p>To relieve municipalities with large numbers of buildings and facilities of the requirement of yearly fire inspections.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>				<p>01-25 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			
<p>Comm. HB-6954</p>	<p>AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY INSPECTIONS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS BY LOCAL FIRE MARSHALS.</p> <p>To (1) study ways to improve the inspections of residential buildings by local fire marshals, and (2) provide that municipalities shall not be liable for damages resulting from the failure of a local fire marshal to inspect a building under certain circumstances.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	<p>02-16</p>	<p>03-15 PS - Joint Favorable Substitute</p> <p>02-24 PS - Vote to Draft</p> <p>02-02 PS - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing</p>		<p>03-14 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p> <p>03-13 HCO - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE</p> <p>01-25 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			
<p>Raised HB-7047</p>	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FIRE APPARATUS SAFETY AND TESTING.</p> <p>To require municipal and volunteer fire departments to maintain their pump and aerial fire apparatus components in compliance with national standards.</p> <p>House Cal: 93 Senate Cal:</p>	<p>02-22</p>	<p>03-03 PD - Joint Favorable</p>	<p>90</p>	<p>02-09 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD</p>			
<p>Raised HB-7092</p>	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKE DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.</p> <p>To require the installation of smoke detection and warning equipment in residential buildings, amend requirements concerning the Fire Safety Code and delete certain immunity provisions regarding local officials' duty to detect carbon monoxide within a public school building.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	<p>02-21</p>			<p>02-16 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>			

Raised HB-7139	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTIES FOR OBSTRUCTING EMERGENCY VEHICLES.</p> <p>To increase the penalty for wilfully obstructing an emergency vehicle from a fine to a class D felony.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-27	<p>03-17 TRA - MOTION FAILED JFSC</p>		<p>02-22 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA</p>			
Raised HB-7263	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE TAX AND RELATED STATUTES.</p> <p>To make revisions to certain tobacco enforcement statutes related to the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, allow the appointment of designees for certain members of the Commission on Economic Competitiveness, and make technical changes to the tax and related statutes.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	03-17			<p>03-10 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN</p>			
Comm. SB-27	<p>AN ACT INCLUDING CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL INJURY" UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES.</p> <p>To expand workers' compensation coverage in certain situations that result in mental or emotional impairment.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal: 81</p>	02-14	<p>03-02 LAB - Joint Favorable Substitute</p> <p>02-21 LAB - Vote to Hold until next meeting</p> <p>01-19 LAB - Vote to Draft</p>	60		<p>02-08 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB</p> <p>02-07 SCO - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE</p> <p>01-09 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB</p>		
Proposed SB-156	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDS FROM THE TOBACCO AND HEALTH TRUST FUND.</p> <p>To require that funds from the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund go to smoking cessation and prevention programs.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>					<p>01-18 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP</p>		

Proposed SB-243	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FIRE APPARATUS SAFETY AND TESTING.</p> <p>To ensure that fire departments maintain fire apparatus in compliance with National Fire Protection Association standards.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>					<p>01-18 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>		
Proposed SB-538	<p>AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION TO FUND FIRE TRAINING SCHOOLS.</p> <p>To appropriate funds to train firefighters and increase public safety.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>					<p>01-23 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP</p>		
Comm. *SB-649	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN FEES BY BUILDING OFFICIALS.</p> <p>To require building officials in certain municipalities to establish and asses a fee for the commencement of certain work without a necessary permit.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-22	<p>03-10 PD - Vote to Draft</p> <p>02-08 PD - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing</p>			<p>03-23 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD</p> <p>03-22 SCO - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE</p> <p>01-25 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD</p>		
Raised SB-763	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.</p> <p>To provide workers' compensation coverage to police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder as a direct result of witnessing the death of a human being or the immediate aftermath of such death.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-16				<p>02-01 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>		

Raised SB-847	<p>AN ACT ALLOWING POLICE OFFICERS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED RELATIVE TO FIRE LOSSES.</p> <p>To allow state and local police officers to obtain insurance records from insurance companies to aid in the investigation of fires of undetermined or incendiary origin.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	02-21				<p>02-16 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>		
Raised SB-889	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIRE MARSHAL AND POLICE OFFICERS AT THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.</p> <p>To allow: (1) The Commissioner of Administrative Services to designate a fire marshal for the Connecticut Airport Authority; and (2) the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to designate police officers for the Connecticut Airport Authority.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	03-09	<p>03-15 PS - Joint Favorable</p>			<p>02-22 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>		
Raised SB-890	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL REGARDING THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND LICENSES FOR DEMOLITION.</p> <p>To amend statutes regarding the State Fire Prevention Code and licenses for demolition, and to delete provisions (1) requiring the adoption of certain regulations, (2) concerning reports by the State Fire Marshal and fees for investigations by local fire marshals, and (3) concerning egress from workshops and manufactories and the liability of building owners.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	03-09	<p>03-15 PS - Joint Favorable</p>			<p>02-22 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS</p>		



March 23rd, 2017

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HB 5207 (AN ACT IMPOSING A SURCHARGE ON CERTAIN PERSONAL RISK INSURANCE POLICIES TO FUND REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOLS' OPERATING BUDGETS AND CERTAIN FIREFIGHTER TRAINING COSTS) had a public hearing but has stalled in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. The best news is that we still have a commitment from Sen. Tim Larson to assist Rep. Linda Orange's bill perhaps by amending it to another bill in Public Safety and Security Committee.

Additionally, we had a good long meeting with Sen. Steve Cassano and his staff today March 23rd in which we discussed how the senator might use his SB 538 (AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION TO FUND FIRE TRAINING SCHOOLS) to help in our efforts with Rep. Orange's HB 5207 to fund the operating budgets for the Regional Fire Schools. We discussed some alternative funding sources and have another meeting on Tuesday to follow up the research Sen. Cassano has asked his staff to do between now and then.

HB 5089 (AN ACT ELIMINATING THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO STATE AND REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING SCHOOLS) has not had any movement in the Government Administration and Elections Committee. Rep. Sampson has not provided any further action on the bill.

Several bills have moved forward in various committees:

- HB 5176 (AN ACT INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR LOCAL VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL) was recommended Joint Favorable by the Public Safety and Security Committee. See Committee Bill No. 5176
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/TOB/h/2017HB-05176-R01-HB.htm>
- HB 5278 (AN ACT CONCERNING PAID SICK LEAVE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCHERS AND CALL RECEIVING OPERATORS) moved to a Joint Favorable report in the Labor Committee. See File No. 65 <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/FC/2017HB-05278-R000065-FC.htm>

- HB 5298 (AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND PATIENTS DURING EMERGENCIES) was recommended Joint Favorable by the Public Safety and Security Committee. See Committee Bill No. 5298
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/TOB/h/2017HB-05298-R01-HB.htm>
- HB 5755 (AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES' LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN) was substituted and recommended Joint Favorable by the Public Health Committee. See File No. 115 <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/FC/2017HB-05755-R000115-FC.htm>
- HB 6038 (AN ACT CONCERNING GOOD SAMARITAN PROTECTIONS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS WHO RENDER EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO ANIMALS) was substituted and recommended Joint Favorable by the Public Safety and Security Committee. See Committee Bill No. 6038
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/TOB/h/2017HB-06038-R01-HB.htm>
- HB 6258 (AN ACT CONCERNING GOOD SAMARITAN PROTECTIONS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS WHO RENDER EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO ANIMALS) was recommended Joint Favorable by the Public Safety and Security Committee. Committee Bill No. 6258
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/TOB/h/2017HB-06258-R01-HB.htm>
- HB 6329 (AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT) is still in the Environment Committee. See Committee Bill No. 6329
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/TOB/h/2017HB-06329-R01-HB.htm>
- HB 6715 (AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE INTENTIONAL INJURY OR KILLING OF POLICE ANIMALS OR DOGS IN VOLUNTEER CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS) was recommended Joint Favorable and referred to the Judiciary Committee. See Committee Bill No. 6715 <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/TOB/h/2017HB-06715-R02-HB.htm>
- HB 6954 (AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY INSPECTIONS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS BY LOCAL FIRE MARSHALS) was recommended Joint Favorable by the Public Safety and Security Committee. See Committee Bill No. 6954
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/TOB/h/2017HB-06954-R01-HB.htm>
- HB 7047 (AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FIRE APPARATUS SAFETY AND TESTING) was recommended Joint Favorable by the Planning and Development Committee. See File No. 90
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/FC/2017HB-07047-R000090-FC.htm>
- HB 7139 (AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTIES FOR OBSTRUCTING EMERGENCY VEHICLES) failed the Joint Favorable vote. See Raised Bill 7139
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/TOB/h/2017HB-07139-R00-HB.htm>
- HB 7263 (AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE TAX AND RELATED STATUTES) was referred to the Finance Committee. See Raised Bill No. 7263
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/TOB/h/2017HB-07263-R00-HB.htm>
- SB 27 (AN ACT INCLUDING CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL INJURY" UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES) was substituted and recommended Joint Favorable by the Labor Committee. See File No. 60
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/FC/2017SB-00027-R000060-FC.htm>
- SB 889 (AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIRE MARSHAL AND POLICE OFFICERS AT THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY) was recommended Joint Favorable by the Public

Safety and Security Committee. See Raised Bill No. 889

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/TOB/s/2017SB-00889-R00-SB.htm>

- SB 890 (AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL REGARDING THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND LICENSES FOR DEMOLITION) was recommended Joint Favorable by the Public Safety Committee. See Raised Bill 890
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/TOB/s/2017SB-00890-R00-SB.htm>

Still no word from the UPFFA or the Governor's staff regarding progress with finding an alternative funding source for Public Act 16-10 ("The Cancer Bill").

To see the full list of proposed bills that we are tracking, see our CSFA House Bill Status Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions or requests related to legislative issues.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Representative

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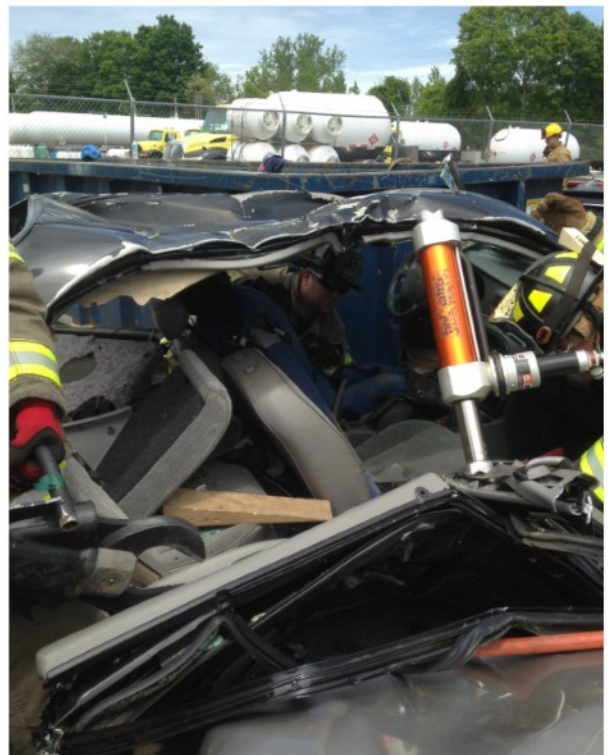
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S.B. 847 To allow state and local police officers to obtain insurance records from insurance companies to aid in the investigation of fires of undetermined or incendiary origin.

H.B. 6258 To include within the offense of intimidation based on bigotry or bias the act of a person intimidating or harassing another person because such other person is a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician.

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