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2019 NYSAFC Legislative Agenda

Cost Recovery for Fire Department Ambulance Service

Allow fire departments and fire districts to recover costs for providing ambulance service from insurers, Medicare, and Medicaid in a similar manner as for-profit and not-for-profit ambulance services.

Endangering the Welfare of Firefighters (Illegal Building Conversions)

Pursue legislative and administrative actions that will help to ensure the safety of firefighters by preventing the illegal conversion of single-family buildings into multi-family units without proper permits and review.

County/Regional Fire Services

Seek legislation to enable authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs) the option to create, form, consolidate, or otherwise merge fire companies and departments at a countywide, regional, or cross-jurisdictional level to “right-size” provision of services across a broader tax base, geographical area, and/or population.

Increase VFBL/VAWBL Benefits

Increase volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker partial permanent disability benefits to a level comparable with those paid for similar disability under Workers’ Compensation Law.

Residential Sprinklers

Continue to advocate for residential sprinklers through adoption of the International Residential Code (IRC).

Cancer Benefits – Chapter 248 Laws of 2018

Pursue legislative and administrative actions to clarify, or modify as appropriate, verification requirements and enable extension of benefits to all intended firefighters.

“PROVIDING SERVICE TO THOSE WHO SERVE”