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**The Volunteer Fire Police Association  
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**COUNTY FIRE COORDINATORS' ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
STATE OF NEW YORK**



**NEW YORK STATE  
ASSOCIATION  
OF FIRE CHIEFS**



**New York State  
Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association**

## **New York State Fire Service Alliance**

### **2018 Issues of United Concern**

➤ **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 service. (S. 363-A, Little / A.7717-A, Jones)

➤ **Upholstered Furniture Fire Safety Standards**

Establishes a prohibition on the sale and distribution of new upholstered furniture containing certain chemicals. (S. 742, Ritchie / A.3368 Brindisi)

➤ **Endangering the Welfare of Fire and Emergency Personnel**

Enact an amendment to the Penal Law to establish a crime of Endangering the Welfare of Fire and Emergency Personnel when a property owner makes an illegal conversion to a multi-family unit without obtaining proper building permits. (S. 773, Carlucci / A. 1691 Zebrowski)

➤ **Increase VFBL and VAWBL Benefits**

Increase Volunteer Firefighter and Volunteer Ambulance Worker partial permanent disability benefits to level comparable with those paid for similar disability under Worker's Compensation Law. (S.3904, Griffo/ A.6367, Magnarelli)

➤ **Enact a Lemon Law for Fire Apparatus**

Enact Legislation providing for a Lemon Law for Fire Apparatus like the law for passenger motor vehicles.

➤ **Training for Fire Chiefs**

Enact legislation requiring the New York State Fire Administrator to convene a group consisting of various fire service associations and employee representatives to review the training standards for fire chiefs and to make recommendations for such standards.

➤ **Budgetary Issues**

- Authorize a Sales Tax Exemption for Home Safety Items such as smoke alarms, CO Alarms and Fire Extinguishers during the Month of October.
- Provide sufficient funding to DSHES/OFPC to ensure their ability to deliver the Fire Fighter 1 class via a system of "Blended Learning"