

**Proposed**  
**Law and Legislation**  
**Agenda**  
**2007**

1. College tuition program. That the State provide tuition free program to all SUNY locations for all active volunteer firefighters.
2. Wicks Law reform.
- 3.a Code enforcement officers be allowed to enter public schools for the purpose of enforcing the New York State Uniform Fire Protection and Building Code.
- 3.b Officer in charge to be allowed to enter schools at time of emergency- Homeland Security.
4. LOSAP Amendment of Article 11-A of the G.M.L. in order to bring the Service Awards Programs in conformance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended.
5. Amend Public Service Law to provide a special use rate for providers of emergency services.

**OTHER LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY THE**  
**ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS**

- a. Amend the VFBL to remove the requirement that the physical fitness program be supervised and add language that the program may be at a facility approved by the Fire District.
- b. Amend Section 174 of the Town Law to add a new subparagraph (a) which would provide that the position of elected or appointed fire district commissioner shall become vacant if the individual occupying said office shall fail to attend five consecutive monthly meetings unless such absence is for good cause and is excused by the majority of the Board. Upon the occurrence of the fifth consecutive unexcused absence the position of the fire district commissioner shall become vacant and filed pursuant to Section 176 (3) of the Town Law.
- c. Amend Section 708 of the Real Property Law to provide for notice to Fire Districts of the filing of tax certorarie actions affecting real property within the Fire District.

- d. Amend Section 105 as amended to set date for fire districts in Westchester and Monroe Counties to have budgets to Town Clerk to November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Emergency medical services training reimbursement. To permit the proper cost reimbursement to the volunteer agency when an active member completes the requirements of the training but the agency does not provide ambulance response/transportation service but does provide other emergency response service.
- f. Authorize Fire District to deposit money in credit unions.
- g. Provide that real property owned by a volunteer firefighter shall be exempt from Fire District tax levy up to a maximum of \$500 subject to a mandatory referendum.
- h. Amend 412-a to except fire districts, fire protection districts and ambulance districts from the tax exemption of IDA.
- i. Amend 485-c to except fire districts, fire protection districts and ambulance districts from the tax exemptions for Empire Zones.
- j. Support tax check off for money for recruitment and retention.

### **POSSIBLE SUPPORT ISSUES**

Support concept of Health Insurance for active volunteer firefighters as recruitment and retention tool.