



## *Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, Inc.*

The following is information requested by your Fire District regarding your interest in becoming a member of our Association, I am enclosing membership forms and By-Laws.

Section 178-b of the Town Law provides that a Board of Fire Commissioners may determine to expend, and raise by taxation annually such sums as may be required toward defraying the actual and necessary expense of maintaining and continuing the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York and any of its activities in this State for the purpose of devising practical ways and means of obtaining greater economy and efficiency in the administration of fire district affairs.

In order to set the mandate as set forth in this law of obtaining greater economy in the administration of fire district affairs, membership in the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York provides individual fire districts with the monthly bulletin known as Fire District Affairs. This keeps all fire districts up to date on new legislation including fire district operations, opinions of the Audit and Control and of the Attorney General's Office as they pertain to the administration of fire districts. In addition, special schools are held throughout the State for Fire Districts under auspices of the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York. An annual three-day Seminar is held in the fall of each year at which time experts from various levels of government and industry are invited to form a panel in order to answer questions as posed by representatives of fire districts in attendance, in order to display their wares so that the commissioners can be kept up to date on the various improvements of fire apparatus and equipment. Over 1200 fire district commissioners are in attendance at this Seminar. An Annual Meeting is held in the Spring of each year at which time business of the Association is transacted and lectures are held on various aspects of fire district administration.

I would also like to bring to your attention that the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York sponsored the creation of the Fire Districts of New York Mutual Insurance Company which provides Volunteer Fireman's Benefit Law insurance to fire districts and municipalities in the State of New York.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Nocerino  
Secretary/Treasurer