

**2025**

**ISSUES OF UNITED CONCERN**

1. Designate EMS as an Essential service and expand the benefits available to EMS personnel and set Standards for EMS; S.4020-C (Mayer) / A.3392-C (Otis)
2. Renewal / Make Permanent EMS Cost Recovery
3. Ensure VFBL Parity with Workers Compensation; S.5436 (Skoufis) / A.5991 (McMahon
4. Renewal / Make Permanent Heart and Lung Presumptions; Heart: S.1180 (Harckham) / A.3033 (Zebrowski) Lung: S.1176 (Harckham) A.5364 (Levenberg)
5. Adoption of the 2024 ICC Building Codes Including Residential Sprinklers. Urge the Legislators not to legislate the Code, but allow the Code Council Process to work
6. Amend the VFBL statue to allow for volunteer members to receive compensation: Change the language from no compensation to the ability to receive a nominal fee or compensation.
7. Increase the Income Tax Credit to $800.00 and eliminate the arbitrary prohibition on collection of both local Real Property Tax and the State Income Tax Credit; S.7286-A (Martinez) / A.7524-A (Thiele)
8. Amend the Mental Hygiene Law in relation to the “First Responder Peer Support Act”; S.7079-A (Harckham) A.7552.A (Burdick)
9. Recovery of 54-G funding to support Code Enforcement efforts; S.2986 (Kavanagh) / A.4430 (Zebrowski)
10. Provide 1 year of service credit for the State Retirement System for every 5 years of Volunteer Fire Service. Maximum of 3 years credit.