



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



**The Volunteer Fire Police Association
of the State of New York, Inc.**



FASNY
Firemen's Association of
the State of New York



**COUNTY FIRE COORDINATORS' ASSOCIATION
OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK**



**New York State
EMS Coordinators Association, Inc.**



**New York State Volunteer Ambulance
and Rescue Association, Inc.**



**New York State
Association of Fire Chiefs**



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

Fallen Firefighter Memorial Recognition Bill – To amend VFBL law to provide that in the case of a line of duty death where a benefit is paid to a covered volunteer, that the name of that volunteer firefighter shall be inscribed upon the NYS Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the Capitol Mall in Albany.

Bail out Rope Reform – To support legislation that clarifies the requirements of existing law and regulation regarding above ground evacuation equipment and procedures.

Consolidation Amendments – To seek amendments to recently enacted legislation creating new consolidation procedures applicable to local governments specifically requiring a second vote after the municipalities which are to be dissolved or consolidated have developed the plan for consolidation or dissolution.

Elimination of Exemption from Seat Belt Law – To seek legislation to require operators and passengers of certain authorized fire and EMS emergency vehicles to be restrained by safety belts by eliminating the existing exemption for such vehicles.

Felony Offenders – Amend applicable statutes to allow for a criminal background check on applicants or members of a volunteer fire department or EMS unit, and to provide for refusal of membership or expulsion of persons convicted of certain sex or felony offenses.

Health Insurance for Volunteers – To enact legislation to provide an affordable health insurance plan for volunteers under the Healthy New York program.

Novelty Lighters – To amend the General Business Law to prohibit the retail sale and distribution of novelty lighters.

The above issues were decided upon during an Issues of United Concern meeting that took place on December 10, 2011. The exact wording of the issues may change, as final wording is to be developed by the hosts of the meeting, the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York. Also, additional issues may be added in the event that any of the above issues are signed into law.