

# FASNY Legislative Outreach

## Program Ready for 2009

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In October, FASNY approved the comprehensive 2009 FASNY Scorecard, a proactive agenda composed of 19 items. To promote this agenda, FASNY is continuing its Legislative Outreach Program. Through educational seminars and articles, the program is designed to provide information on the 2009 proactive agenda and to address other important and timely legislative matters.

In 2008, the program conducted 12 legislative seminars with over 500 FASNY members and about 40 legislators in attendance. These meetings covered a variety of topics and usually lasted 60 to 90 minutes. A typical meeting included explanation and clarification of legislative issues, a legislative status report, presentations by legislators and a question and answer session. Attendees also received a 50-page comprehensive guide to FASNY's legislative agenda.

In 2009, the primary focus of the program will continue to be educational seminars relating to legislation affecting the volunteer fire service. During the year, these meetings will be conducted across the state in coordination with the sectional associations. The seminars will provide a comprehensive overview and explanation of the 2009 proactive agenda as well as an update on other important legislative issues. In addition, the sectionals will have the ability to include additional legislative topics into the seminar if desired. In this way, each sectional association will be able to tailor the seminars to meet its specific needs and interests. For example, a sectional association may decide that it would like an examination of the Good Governance Laws of 2006, a discussion of volunteer firefighter scholarship programs, an overview

of VFBL, or a discussion on any other topic that the sectional finds interesting.

Sectional participation in the Legislative Outreach Program is voluntary. If the sectional association decides to participate, the seminars will be conducted on dates and locations selected by the sectional. If a sectional wishes, it may schedule more than one seminar. At this time, the following meetings have already been scheduled:

### Current Schedule of Meetings and Locations:

January 11th, 2009	- Northern (Copenhagen)
January 24th, 2009	- Central (Enfield)
January 31st, 2009	- Central - Oneida County Legislative Breakfast (Deerfield)
February 7th, 2009	- Central - Onondaga County (Solvay)
February 28th, 2009	- Southern (Hauppauge)
March 7th, 2009	- Hudson Valley (Montrose)
March 7th, 2009	- Central (Walton)
April 18th, 2009	- Southern (Mineola)
April 19th, 2009	- Southwestern (Erie County)
April 26th, 2009	- Northern-Central (Geneva)

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