



## **FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM 2017**

### **FASNY SCORECARD ITEMS**

**1. EXPANDED CANCER IMPAIRMENT** – Provides a rebuttable presumption that several types of cancer are covered under VFBL and VAWBL.

**Corresponding legislation:** S.1411 (Griffo) / A.711 (Gunther)

**2. AMEND PENAL CODE TO ADD ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF FIRST RESPONDERS** – Make it a crime to illegally circumvent uniform code by making illegal conversions a charge of “Endangering the welfare of first responders.” Landlords make conversions so they can make more money off the properties without obtaining proper permits. The conversions may not have proper egress and could create an extremely dangerous situation for firefighters.

**Corresponding legislation:** S.773 (Carlucci) / A.1691 (Zebrowski)

**3. VFBL/VAWBL INCREASE** – Increases VFBL/VAWBL partial temporary disability benefit level from \$400 to \$650 per week.

**Corresponding legislation**

**4. THE FAIR PLAY AMBULANCE COST RECOVERY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS**  
- Allows fire departments to bill for ambulance services to even the playing field with all other ambulance providers across the state.

**Corresponding legislation:** S.363 (Little)

**5. REQUIRES PROMPT PAYMENT OF VFBL DEATH BENEFIT** – This proposal establishes the payment of certain volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker death benefits shall be within ninety days of the filing of application to receive such death benefit.

**Corresponding legislation:** S.1195 (Avella) / A.1451 (Cahill)

### **BUDGET ISSUES**

*The following issues will be pursued during the budget process but will not appear on the FASNY Legislative Agenda*

**1. INCREASE TAX CREDIT**– Provide an increase to volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers and volunteer emergency medical personnel state tax credit from \$200 to \$400 per year.

**2. SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR LIFE SAFETY ITEMS** – Propose exemption of sales tax on smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers as an incentive for purchasing these household items. (If unsuccessful with full exemption, allow a sales tax moratorium in October as part of Fire Prevention Month.)

**3. REOCCURRING NYS BUDGET MONITORING** – Monitor 2017-18 Budget negotiations to ensure adequate/consistent funding allocations are met for 9-1-1 coordination purposes, Emergency Services Low Interest Revolving Loans, Training Funding under the OFPC, and funding for training books.

### **ONGOING PRIORITY BILLS**

*The following bill will remain a priority to FASNY but will not appear on the FASNY Legislative Agenda*

**1. UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE SAFETY STANDARDS** – Enhances fire safety standards for upholstered furniture by methods that do not require the use of fire retardant chemicals.