

STATUS of FIRE INVESTIGATION RAISES Supported by Fire Advisory Board and Firefighters Assn.

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Thanks to Legislators Marinich, Mather, Reynolds, and the county finance committee, we have been successful in getting the Fire Investigators raise into the 2009 budget that will be presented to the legislature on Thursday. Now we need to ensure that this is approved by the entire legislature. Please contact your Broome County Legislator and ask him or her to be sure to vote in favor of this raise for the Fire Investigators.

These investigators have not seen a raise in many years, If we want to keep well-qualified people in these jobs we need to pay them more than the \$8.65 and \$10.75 they currently receive. Raises for the entire fire investigation unit amount to only \$13,392 in the 2009 budget, so it is a very small increase compared to the overall budget.

Phone numbers and e-mail addresses for county legislators can be found online at <http://www.gobroomecounty.com/legis/Legis.php>

Please contact your county legislator right away as this goes to the legislature on Thursday, Oct. 30

**Thank you,
Alice J. Fiacco, Secretary
Broome County Firefighters' Association**

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Last Evening, the Finance Committee of the Broome County Legislature voted to propose modifying the proposed 2009 budget to raise the hourly rates of the Fire Investigators and Senior Fire Investigator by \$2.64 per hour from \$8.65 and \$10.75 to \$11.29 and \$13.39 respectively. It's my understanding that Legislators Marinich (Chenango), Mather (Vestal), and Reynolds (Vestal) sponsored the amendment and after discussion, all legislators on the committee voted for it. This Thursday, at 1700 the full legislature will act on the committees recommendations.

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