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A bill to create a fund to aid in recruitment of volunteers for fire & EMS has passed the legislature and is awaiting the Governor's signature. This will allow New Yorkers to check off a box on their tax return to allocate money to the fund. FASNY is asking volunteer fire & EMS personnel to contact Governor Paterson (contact information below) and ask him to sign this legislation.

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STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT TOM CUFF REGARDING THE PASSAGE OF THE SENATOR FOLEY - ASSEMBLYMAN SWEENEY BILL CREATING THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND EMS RECRUITMENT FUND

FASNY MEMBERS ARE URGED TO SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION

"Senate 4982 Foley - Assembly 2733A Sweeney has passed both houses and is expected to be sent to the Governor for signature or veto in a matter of days", said Tom Cuff, President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. "This legislation establishes in NYS Tax law a provision that allows a taxpayer to make a voluntary contribution to the fund through a check off on their income tax return and is considered by FASNY to be a key element in continued recruitment for Volunteer Fire and EMS responders" added Cuff.

Cuff hailed the passage of the legislation and commended Senator Brian Foley and Assemblyman Bob Sweeney for their diligence in creating a fund which is designed to allow Fire Departments to apply for a grant from the Office of Fire Prevention and Control to support particular recruitment and retention initiatives specific to that Department and the local government entities they serve.

FASNY urges its members to contact Governor Paterson to voice their support of this legislation. The Governor's Office can be contacted at:

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