

## **LEGISLATION TO CORRECT BAIL OUT ROPE LAW STALLED**

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FASNY has worked to support the NYS Association of Fire Cheifs and the Association of Fire Districts of NYS in changing the so called "bail out rope law" which is very specific in mandating a particular type of bail out equipment be used in above ground evacuation.

This law has been the subject of litigation questioning its specificity and vagueness, and bills to correct this, sponsored by Senator Craig Johnson, (S6045A) and Assemblyman Marc Alessi (A9000A) are stalled in the Labor Committee of both houses.

FASNY members must communicate with their legislators stressing the importance of this legislation and the need to expand the law allowing for more than just rope systems to deal with evacuation from above-grade floors.

The NYS Labor Department has set up an aggressive implementation schedule for the law and regulations. Investment in equipment to comply, including training, can be as much as \$800 per firefighter. This inflexible and unfunded mandate ignores the demographics and geography of suburban and rural volunteer response mechanisms.

Please act now to express your concerns by clicking the "Take Action" link at the top of this message. Or if you know your local legislators, contact them to help get this bill through the legislature.

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