

# BROOME COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

## BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK

### SENATOR LIBOUS SPONSORS "MARK'S LAW"

On January 30, 2009, EMT Mark Davis of the Cape Vincent Volunteer Fire Department, along with two other volunteers, responded to a chest pain call. The EMTs assisted Christopher Burke who became agitated during the med call, went into his bedroom and came out with a high powered rifle. The EMTs immediately retreated from the residence, but Burke fired two shots, one which struck and killed EMT Mark Davis.



Senator Thoms Libous has introduced legislation named after Mark Davis. "Mark's Law" (S.4717) will provide for the strongest penalty allowed under New York State law- life imprisonment without the possibility of parole - to anyone convicted of murdering a "volunteer firefighter, EMT, nurse, doctor or any other volunteer in the line of duty".

Emergency service responders are urged to go to Senator Libous website and sign the petition in support of Mark's Law <http://www.tomlibous.com/firestation> . Information from Senator Libous on the law is below.

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Our volunteer firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and paramedics donate their time and risk their safety to help and protect our communities. These outstanding men and women knowingly risk their lives on a daily basis. But what they don't count on are people who are bent on doing them harm while they serve us.

Unfortunately, people like that are out there. We saw this in the case of Mark Davis, an EMT from Cape Vincent, New York, who was shot and killed while responding to an urgent call for help.

That's why I'm cosponsoring "Mark's Law" (S.4717) that provides for the strongest penalty allowed by law for the murder of a volunteer firefighter, EMT, nurse, doctor or any other volunteer in the line of duty—life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

Mark's Law helps protect folks like you who've committed to helping us— it just makes sense.

But I need your help in getting this important bill signed into law. Here's a few ways you can help:

- Please tell your friends, neighbors and members of your fire company about "Mark's Law" and why the additional protection is needed.

- I've enclosed some cards asking folks to go online at [www.tomlibous.com/firestation](http://www.tomlibous.com/firestation) and sign my petition in support of "Mark's Law." Please hand them out to your fire company and encourage them to voice their opinion.

We count on our volunteer firefighters, EMTs, paramedics and other emergency responders to keep us safe. By working to pass "Mark's Law" we can show that they can count on us too.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



THOMAS W. LIBOUS  
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P.S. Along with tracking Mark's Law on [www.tomlibous.com/firestation](http://www.tomlibous.com/firestation), you can also track other legislation that's important for volunteers.