

**Firemen's Association of the State of New York
107 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12210**

RESOLUTION

**REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LESIGLATURE OF
THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO INCREASE THE FUNDING FOR
FIREFIGHTER TRAINING IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A
REALISTIC FUNDING BASE TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF
THE FIRE SERVICE PROTECTION WITHIN NEW YORK STATE.**

WHEREAS, The Firemen's Association of the State of New York (hereinafter, FASNY) has identified the need for volunteer firefighters in order to deliver fire service protection and save the residents of New York State billions of dollars each year; and

WHEREAS, FASNY has identified the shortage of trained emergency response personnel and the initial training of new firefighters is crucial in developing enthusiastic, proficient and safety conscious volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has an obligation to train existing firefighters in advanced level training to advance the skills and knowledge of the New York Fire Service annually; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control ("OFPC") operates the sole training program which provides such initial firefighter training programs; and

WHEREAS, the current OFPC resource assignments are insufficient to support this level of training; and the current New York State budget will reduce the number of hours the OFPC Training section will be able to provide for training; and it has been identified that there is a significant shortfall within the OFPC budget to provide sufficient training funds to support the States need for the annual fire training program; and

WHEREAS, the basis for all levels of emergency response within the State of New York depend on well trained Volunteer Fire and EMS service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Firemen's Association of the State of New York memorializes New York State to immediately increase the field training budget for the Office of Fire Prevention and Control by a minimum of \$800,000 to meet all of the needs of the State Fire Training Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Firemen's Association of the State of New York memorializes New York State to conduct an in depth review of the training needs of the fire service to establish a realistic funding base for the delivery of fire service protection within New York State. Such review needs to reflect the size of the training base, the types of training that are required and the conditions that this service is expected to be delivered resulting in realistic funding of the program to properly accomplish what is expected; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor David Paterson, Executive Chamber, State Capitol, Albany, NY 12224; Senate Majority Leader, Joseph L. Bruno, 909 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12247; Senate Minority Leader, Malcolm A. Smith, 508 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12247; Assembly Speaker, Sheldon Silver, 932 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248; Assembly Majority Leader, Ron Canestrari, 717 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248; Assembly Minority Leader, James Tedisco, 933 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248; Senator George H. Winner, 802 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12447; Assemblyman James G. Bascalles, 439 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248; Ms. Lorraine A. Cortes-Vasquez, Secretary of State, 41 State St.; Albany, NY 12231; Mr. Floyd A. Madison, State Fire Administrator; NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control, 41 State St., Albany, NY 12231; Stephen Acquario, Esq., Executive Director, New York State Association of Counties, 540 Broadway, 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12207.