

**AFG and SAFER Grants: ACTION REQUESTED**

The FIRE-SAFER bill is HR 3791, the Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009, which was sponsored by Representative Harry Mitchell (D-AZ). To date, we do not have a single Minnesota member of the House as a co-sponsor. Please contact your Federal Congressional member and urge their support/sponsorship of this bill. This bill provides for \$390 million AFG money and \$420 million in SAFER grant money for next year. Please send an email simply stating you are requesting their support and would like them to join on as a co-sponsor.

Additionally, only Congresswoman Bachman and Congressman Oberstar are members of the Fire Caucus so please request your member to join or thank them if they have.

**2010 Legislative Initiative Feedback Summary:**

Over 400 of these returned now with the following results.

- Incentives for volunteers - pension tax relief, income tax credit, etc.
- \$4.5 million supplemental budget request for Fire Safety Account.
- Civil immunity for donated equipment

**Pensions:**

OSA finishing up their task force work.

PERA moving along on the State Plan working out details, first election period to join is coming up this January.

LCPR planning on holding all meetings prior to session start.

**Fire Service Day at the Capitol:**

Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, plan on being there, we really need a strong showing.

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