

Legislative Update – February 4, 2010 Session Begins!

Pensions:

Pension Commission is meeting tomorrow for the first time this session, on the agenda is the OSA Task Force recommendations and the PERA Volunteer State Pension change. Meeting is in the Capitol from 10 to noon.

Fire Safety Account Supplemental Budget Request:

Sherry has the House and Senate Jackets in hand and is signing up authors. So far in the House, Chief Author Steve Smith, Speaker Kelliher, Hackbarth, Howes, Cornish, and Ward. Senator Rest is the chief author in the Senate.

Fire Service Day at Capitol:

March 2nd, registrations on-line, please attend.

Stories Needed:

Please email me what the training reimbursement meant for your department. We want to include several stories in the booklet for Fire Service Day.

Also, if your department has someone who has or will be taking advantage of the new law allowing you to retire, collect your pension, and return to service after a 60 day break just need some examples of where this has helped.

Photos Needed

Working on the 2010 Fire Service Day brochure and looking for photos that meet the following guidelines.

1. Do NOT send me more than 4 at a time (it clogs my email).
2. High quality shots of training or engaged response (firefighters entering a building with a charged hose line, smoke pouring out, full protective gear, etc)
3. Individual shots showing character; the exhausted firefighter, the "frozen in water" firefighter, etc.
4. Folks using high tech equipment which INCLUDES today's pump panel, would really like a great shot of an operator in front of a pump panel while pumping.
5. Task Force One type stuff

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Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. - Will Rogers