



## East Bethel Fire Department

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Legislative Representatives  
State Senators;

I am the secretary of the **St. Croix Valley Firefighters' Association**. The Association is Region 7 of the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs' Association and the Minnesota Fire Department Association. The Regional Associations of Firefighters and Fire Departments are really the grass roots of issues, ideas, and views for the Fire Service in Minnesota.

The St. Croix Valley Firefighters' Association includes all or part of Pine, Kanabec, Isanti, Chisago, Anoka, and Mille Lacs Counties. Our attendance, at our quarterly meetings, will include the state leadership of the Minnesota Fire Service, service agencies, and of course Firefighters from our region.

On **January 12, 2012**, our Association members will meet for the first quarterly meeting of the year. Our membership is made up of Fire Departments and Fire Fighters within our region. Our region includes your Legislative District and you represent the Firefighters in your area. The meeting will be at North Branch Fire Station; 37917 Forest Boulevard, North Branch, Minnesota. Our meeting begins promptly at 7 pm.

This will be your chance to meet and greet Firefighters from your district and discuss issues that are important to the Firefighters and you. This is NOT a debate and the meeting is not to be confrontational. This meeting is intended to be a friendly meeting of our lawmakers and to reach common ground on issues important to you and the Firefighters.

The Agenda will include:

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| 7:00 pm | Meet and Greet of Firefighters and Lawmakers<br>Light food and beverage                               |
| 7:30 pm | Your chance to address the membership directly  |
| 8:30 pm | Regular business meeting of the Association<br>(You are invited to stay for this part, if you desire) |

Please consider attending our meeting. We believe this will benefit the members in our Association and you as well.

Please, by return email to me, indicate if your will or will not attend this very important and informative meeting.

Thank You and a Happy and Safe New Year!

Mark DuCharme  
Secretary, St. Croix Valley Firefighters' Association