



NEW YORK STATE PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Insurance Programs

Term Insurance
Whole Life
AFLAC – Cancer
Delta Dental

Codes and Enforcements
Fire Fighter and EMS
Public Employment Relations Board
Decisions

Consultation at No Cost to Members

Filing Accidental/Performance of Duty
Application
Disability Retirement
§207-a Question/Cases
Service Retirements
2% Foreign Insurance
Negotiations
Mediation
Arbitrations/Hearings
Attorney General Opinions
Comptroller's Opinions
Legal Updates
Legislative Retrieval System
(Update on Legislation)
NFPA
OSHA Standards and Regulations
Municipal Fire Fighter Legislative
Updates
Civil Service
New York State Police and Fire Pensions
Local Union Contracts (for comparison)
Health & Safety Press Releases

Representation on the Following Boards

EMS State Board
EMS Regional Boards
Fire Fighting and Code Enforcement
Personnel
Standards & Education Commission
Fire Service Council of New York State
Governor's Fire Advisor Board
PERB Labor Management Board
Urban Search & Rescue Development
Committee of New York State

Database/Library Information

Attorney General Reports
Audit & Control Reports
Comptroller's Reports
Health & Safety Video Library
Incident Recording System
Local Union Contracts
NFPA & OSHA Regulations
PERB Cases (Interest and Grievance)
Train the Trainer Conferences
Health & Safety Database

Educational

Health & Safety Training Conferences
(Statewide & Regional)
Legislative Conference and Annual
Convention
ILR School of Industrial and Labor
Relations Seminar
(Cornell University - Ithaca)

Strategic Communications with Corning Place Communications

Provides strategic communications
services.

Works with NYSPFFA leadership on
Social media management, including
Twitter, Facebook, the NYSPFFA
smartphone app and State Web Site.

Media relations:

- News release writing and
distribution.
- Interview preparation
- Proactive media placement (multi-
agency training, hoist rescue, bucket

drops, equine training, swiftwater
training).

Opinion-editorial conception,
writing and distribution; Letters to
the editor.

Track daily news articles (broadcast,
print and social).

Advocacy support:

Coordinate strategies with
government affairs consultant,
Hinman Straub.

Offer initial strategic communications
services to locals.

Video scripting, shooting and post-
production: Video content aligns with
the strategic communications goals of
NYSPFFA and its members.

Presentations:

Corning Place staff is available to
locals and NYSPFFA to present
successful strategic solutions
across the state.

Collateral material design and
production: Posters, fliers, postcards,
mailers, etc.

**In the History of this Association, hundreds of pieces of Legislation have
been Chaptered into Law**

Examples of Legislative Accomplishments

- General Municipal Law §207-a
- 3/4 Disability
- Taylor Law
- Non-Contributory Pensions
- Change in Accidental Disability
Law
- Performance of Duty
- 384-E 1/60 after 20 years of
service up to 3/4 Tier 1 & 2/3 Tier
II
- Injunctive Relief
- Right to Sue Due to Injury at the
Workplace (Retroactive to 1987
and in some cases 1984)
- Newly hired fire fighters continue
to be in Tier II Retirement Plan
(Instead of Tier III/IV Plan where
they would have to contribute 3%
of their salary)

- Exemption against insurance claims on personal insurance while driving apparatus
- Special Legislation for Individual Local Unions Regarding Benefits Improvements:
- Tier II Final Average Salary
- Military Buy-back
- COLA (Cost of Living)
- Hepatitis, TB, AIDS Legislation
- Political Action Contributions (PAC) to local State Legislators
- Extenders: Renewed every 2 years:
 - Heart Bill
 - Binding Arbitration
 - Widows 3% COLA
 - Retirement Supplementation
 - Tier II
 - Agency Shop
 - Cancer Bill
 - Lung Bill