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Brothers and Sisters,

While you have been combating the COVID virus, responding to emergencies and caring for our families – another threat emerges – a pronounced economic slowdown that will impact every community in our state. In some communities, firefighters are facing layoffs, brown-outs and furloughs.

Your union is taking steps to continue support you, and combat these actions.

Today we ask that you too prepare and we are ready to respond to your needs. We also are asking for your help – and ask that you gather key pieces of information in the event that we must wage a number of fights to protect our members.

Our communications firm, Corning Place Communications is also once again ready to join the fight. Many of you have worked with them in the past, and know they bring top flight talent, and pack a powerful punch when any of our 18,000 members face a threat or peril.

We ask that you compile the following 10 pieces of information and data:

- Total number of calls during 2019; and thus far in 2020;
- Total number of EMS calls; and those identified as being COVID-19 related;
- How many members of your local have received confirmed tests for COVID-19; and
- Has your local suffered a loss of life stemming from COVID-19?
  
- What is your departments average response time in 2019?
- When does the fiscal year begin for your department and city?
- Have you met with your city leadership to discuss its financial circumstance?
- Do you have a minimum staffing clause in your contract?
- Is your local facing immediate or eminent layoffs?
- Are these actions contemplated in the next 30; 60; or 90 days?



Based on your responses, we will triage the statewide circumstance, and be prepared to support you, with resources available from the NYSPFFA; and the IAFF.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me directly at 518-365-3746 or via email.

Be safe and be strong.



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