

PA LEGISLATIVE ALERT: a service of the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute in partnership with the Firemen's Legislative Federation of Pennsylvania.

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Saturday January 14, 2005-Firemen's Association of State of Pennsylvania (FSAP)  
Meeting-Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

A special program was hosted by the FASP and the Legislative Federation to update the Pennsylvania Fire And EMS service about the current status of SR60 and to introduce a plan to communicate to Pennsylvania's legislators the need to move forward on legislation surrounding the 23 recommendations of the SR60 Commission report.

Dr. William Jenaway, Chairperson of the PA SR60 Commission and Tom Savage, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute and a Commission member, presented an update on the progress made to date on the SR60 recommendations and introduced a statewide communications plan for Fire and EMS personnel and others to use to communicate with their legislators the need to pass legislation to support PA's Fire and EMS responders and the SR60 initiatives.

The FASP and Legislative Federation are leading the effort to convince Pennsylvania Legislators of the need to support the SR60 recommendations, which include among other legislation, funding for the Grant Program, which will end this year unless legislation is passed and funding acquired (25million) to fund the program for 2006 and beyond. .

The FASP and the Legislative Federation want all Fire and EMS responders to join with them and the public in letting the PA Legislators and the Governor know of the importance of this legislation to the continued survival of the current emergency services delivery system that protects all of Pennsylvania's residents and visitors.

Attached is the action plan with sample letters and information for your use in communicating with your legislators. This effort is vital to the survival of the Fire and EMS system in place today. Every first responder should contact and write their legislator with the clear message that NOW IS THE TIME TO PASS THE SR60 LEGISLATION INCLUDING THE GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2006! Talk it up in your community; ask your residents and local government leaders to contact their legislators also in support of this effort.

**THE LEGISLATORS AND GOVERNORS OFFICE MUST HEAR FROM EACH OF YOU TO INSURE PASSAGE OF THIS VITAL LEGISLATION. THE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN ALLOWS YOU TO CHOOSE THE BEST WAY FOR YOU TO DO THAT, FROM PERSONAL CONTACT, SENDING A LETTER, OR EMAILING YOUR LEGISLATOR TO MAKE IT HAPPEN NOW!**

Attachments: Communications plan, talking points, and sample letters, and a legislative directory for the House and Senate. For further information contact PFESI 1-800-FIRELINE