



General Assembly

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LCO No. 3702

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE POLICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-313a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 The authorities having the supervision of the fire department of any
4 town, city, borough or district may appoint such number of persons,
5 within available appropriations, as they deem necessary to be fire
6 police officers of such municipality or district, who shall have the
7 powers and perform the duties in such municipality or district as
8 designated and authorized by the fire chief of such municipality or
9 district, and such fire police officers may exercise such powers and
10 duties in any adjoining municipality or district while on duty with the
11 fire department or with a cooperating fire department, where the
12 department is engaged in mutual assistance. Such powers and duties
13 shall include traffic control and regulation and may be exercised by
14 such fire police during any fire drill or fire call or at any other time
15 when such fire police are serving with the fire department, with any
16 other fire department in an adjoining municipality or district or with
17 any fire department rendering mutual assistance. Each such fire police

18 officer [shall,] while in the performance of [his or her duties as such,
19 wear his or her] fire police duties shall wear the badge of office in plain
20 view of any observer. Each such fire police officer, while directing
21 traffic [,] in performance of the duties of fire police, (1) shall wear a
22 white helmet with the words "Fire Police" in red letters on the front
23 thereof or regulation fire-police dress uniform cap [, provided any
24 such fire police officer, wearing such cap] and after dark or in
25 inclement weather, [shall also wear] a traffic safety vest, orange or lime
26 green raincoat or any reflectorized orange or lime green outer clothing,
27 [and in each case shall] that meets national, state and local traffic safety
28 standards, (2) carry a flashlight, which shall have a red or orange wand
29 and be capable of projecting a clear light for the purpose of
30 illumination at nighttime, and (3) utilize hand held or portable traffic
31 control devices appropriate for the time of day, weather and traffic
32 flow. Such helmet, cap, vest, raincoat or outer clothing, badge, traffic
33 control equipment and flashlight shall be supplied by the appointing
34 municipality or district.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

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