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"AN ACT CONCERNING FIREFIGHTERS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 7-313a of the general statutes, as amended by
4 section 2 of public act 03-181, is repealed and the following is
5 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) The authorities having the supervision of the fire department of
7 any town, city, borough or district may appoint such number of
8 persons, within available appropriations, as they deem necessary to be
9 fire police officers of such municipality or district, [, who] Any
10 permanent paid member of a uniformed firefighter force, with the
11 approval of the fire chief of the municipality or district in which such
12 member is employed, may volunteer to serve as a fire police officer in
13 the municipality or district in which such member resides.

14 (b) Fire police officers shall have the powers and perform the duties

15 in such municipality or district as designated and authorized by the
16 fire chief of such municipality or district, and such fire police officers
17 may exercise such powers and duties in any adjoining municipality or
18 district while on duty with the fire department or with a cooperating
19 fire department, where the department is engaged in mutual
20 assistance. Such powers and duties shall include traffic control and
21 regulation and may be exercised by such fire police during any fire
22 drill or fire call or at any other time when such fire police are serving
23 with the fire department, with any other fire department in an
24 adjoining municipality or district or with any fire department
25 rendering mutual assistance.

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