



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5532

January Session, 2009

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AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE POLICE OFFICERS.

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 Section 7-313a of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2009*):

3 The authorities having the supervision of the fire department of any
4 town, city, borough or district may appoint such number of fire
5 department members or other persons, within available
6 appropriations, as they deem necessary to be fire police officers of such
7 municipality or district, who shall have the powers and perform the
8 duties in such municipality or district as designated and authorized by
9 the fire chief of such municipality or district, and such fire police
10 officers may exercise such powers and duties in any [adjoining] other
11 municipality or district while on duty with the fire department or with
12 a cooperating fire department, where the department is engaged in
13 mutual assistance. Such powers and duties shall include traffic control
14 and regulation and may be exercised by such fire police during any
15 fire drill or fire call or at any other time when such fire police are
16 serving with the fire department, with any other fire department in [an
17 adjoining] another municipality or district or with any fire department
18 rendering mutual assistance. Each such fire police officer while in the
19 performance of 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 (1) wear (A)
22 a [white] helmet with the words "Fire Police" in red letters on the front
23 thereof, any other headgear that meets national, state and local traffic
24 safety standards or a regulation fire-police dress uniform cap, and
25 [after dark or in inclement weather,] (B) a traffic safety vest, orange or
26 lime green raincoat or any reflectorized orange or lime green outer
27 clothing, that meets national, state and local traffic safety standards, (2)
28 carry a flashlight, which shall have a red or orange wand and be
29 capable of projecting a clear light for the purpose of illumination at
30 nighttime, and (3) utilize hand-held or portable traffic control devices
31 appropriate for the time of day, weather and traffic flow. Such helmet,
32 cap, vest, raincoat or outer clothing, badge, traffic control equipment
33 and flashlight [may] shall be supplied by the appointing municipality
34 or district.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	7-313a

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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