



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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My name is Ted Schroll and I am the Legislative Representative for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association. The Association represents approximately 28,000 career and volunteer firefighters in Connecticut.

Our Association wishes to go on record as being in support of two bills on today's agenda. You will be hearing from many speakers who will elaborate more than I on these bills, but this Association supports these bills.

Raised Senate Bill #62 **AA Concerning the Connecticut Public Safety Data Network**

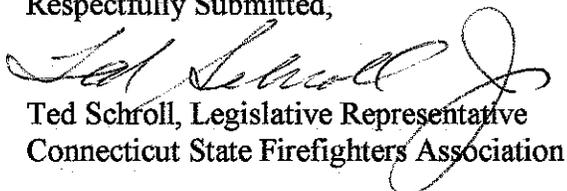
This bill would allow for the establishment of a Public Safety Data Network. The PSDN allow for the exchange of information among public safety and criminal justice entities. It is expected that this network would be funded from the surcharge presently being collected for maintaining the E-911 system in the State of Connecticut. Section 3 of this bill would provide that the E-911 Commission in consultation with the Coordinating Advisory Board of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection advise the Commissioner in the planning, design, implementation, coordination, and governance of the network.

Raised House Bill #5094 **AA Concerning the "Move Over" Law**

The main purpose behind this bill is to change the definition of "highway" in the original bill. The original bill defined a highway as having three or more travel lanes proceeding in the same direction. It has been noted that Connecticut has several limited access highways that only have two or more travel lanes proceeding in the same direction. This bill would make that change in statute and hopefully provide for additional safety for the persons listed in the original bill.

We would urge your passage of these 2 bills.

Respectfully Submitted,


Ted Schroll, Legislative Representative
Connecticut State Firefighters Association