

Senate Bill 439 Michael McKernan Deputy Chief

Public Health Committee Members:

I am opposed to Senate Bill 439

I am a Deputy Fire Chief with 60 members, many of which are EMT's as well as Firefighter and NIMS Compliant.

This new law will cause issues and problems between EMS Services and Fire Services.

Currently we have issues with EMS personnel from the ambulance not being certified Incident Command and NIMS. They cannot work within the command structure because they don't understand how it works and repeatedly go against the command authority on the scene.

Of course if this law passes this will continue with a law backing them, so I ask you why do you want an untrained person making command decisions on a incident call. Why did I spend many hours of my free time to get Fire Officer 2 and Incident Command, NIMS 100-850 so I can effectively and properly command an incident?

Change is not always better!

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