



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Senator Timothy Larson, Co-Chair Public Safety Committee
Representative Stephen Dargan, Co-Chair Public Safety Committee
Senator Tony Guglielmo, Ranking Member Public Safety Committee
Representative Lezlye Zupkus, Ranking Member Public Safety Committee

Members of the Public Safety Committee,

My name is Ted Schroll, Legislative Representative for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association. Our Association represents more than 26,000 paid and volunteer firefighters in Connecticut. I would like to ask you to support the following bill on the agenda for today's public hearing.

Proposed House Bill #5921 – AA REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF HOUSE NUMBERS – Our Association fully supports this initiative as we did last year. In times of emergencies, seconds count. In the case of a fire, for every minute that suppression is delayed, the fire quadruples in size. EMS response has only 4-6 minutes to revive a non-breathing person before permanent brain damage starts to occur. The first responders should not have to waste those precious seconds looking for a proper location.

The numbers of anecdotal stories related to this issue are innumerable; delays of emergency service providers attempting to find addresses when time is of the essence. This issue is usually addressed by individual municipalities by individual ordinances. This legislation, however, would allow for one uniform solution no matter which municipality a person may reside.

Respectfully,

Ted Schroll Jr.

Ted Schroll Jr., Legislative Representative
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