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Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters Association of Connecticut

TALKING POINTS

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Professional Fire Fighters

HB 5629...A COMPROMISE!

1. Bill is a result of compromise with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.
2. Successfully passed House by a margin of 135-16 and enjoyed bi-partisan support.
3. Fire Fighters & Police Officers covered for Cardiac Emergencies **ONLY WHILE ON DUTY**.
4. Claims for Cardiac Emergencies can be challenged (**REBUTTED**) by municipalities.
5. Cost is **MINIMAL** to municipalities.

Text of Bill HB 5629

"AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS. "

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) For the purpose of adjudication of claims for payment of benefits under the provisions of chapter 568 of the general statutes to a uniformed member of a paid municipal fire department or a regular member of a paid municipal police department or constable who began such employment on or after July 1, 1996, any condition or impairment of health caused by a cardiac emergency occurring to such member on or after the effective date of this section, while such member is in training for or engaged in fire duty at the site of an accident or fire, or other public safety operation within the scope of such member's employment for such member's municipal employer that results in death or temporary or permanent total or partial disability, shall be presumed to have been suffered in the line of duty and within the scope of such member's employment, unless the contrary is shown by a preponderance of the evidence, provided such member successfully passed a physical examination on entry into service conducted by a licensed physician designated by such department which examination failed to reveal any evidence of such condition. For the purposes of this section, "cardiac emergency" means cardiac arrest or myocardial infarction, and "constable" means any municipal law enforcement officer who is authorized to make arrests and has completed Police Officer Standards and Training Council certification pursuant to section 7-294a of the general statutes. " - Effective July 1, 2009