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Good morning, Chairman Wisniewski,

At previous meetings of the State Fire Commission, and the Training and Education Advisory Council Meetings there is growing concern, that the Division of Fire Safety cannot meet its full obligations to New Jersey's Fire Service, because of a lack of funding.

It is our understanding, that the Division of Fire Safety does not have a line item position for funding on the state budget, but rather it is fully funded by fire inspection fees and some Federal Grants.

That being said, we wish to bring this concern to you, via this letter and during Public Comment time at the next State Fire Commission Meeting, scheduled for September 19, 2007 at the Middlesex County Fire Academy.

We intend to bring this subject forward, in a non-partisan way, to the attention of the Legislative Members and Commissioners of the State Fire Commission.

While we understand there is a need, "AT TIMES" for the Department of Community Affairs to appropriate some of the Division of Fire Safety fees, for vital State Programs, however, the appropriation of Division fees has been increasing in recent years.

It is our understanding, the Division of Fire Safety desperately needs a new computer system, and in our estimation a minimum of six new staff positions, and additional funds to support current programs along with the State Fire Commission.

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