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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Michael Peifer 

DATE: December 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – (Aggravated Assault Statute)

I plan to introduce legislation in the near future to clarify “firefighter” under the aggravated assault statute. This legislation is supported by the Pike County District Attorney’s Office and the Pike County Fire Police Association.

Under current law, “firefighter” is one of the enumerated officers and employees protected by the aggravated assault statute. Because “firefighter” is not defined, it is unclear whether special fire police and volunteer firefighters are protected by the statute. My legislation will make it clear that volunteer firefighters and special fire police receive the protection they deserve.

If you wish to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Barbara Dysard in my Harrisburg office at 783-2037 or via email at bdysard@pahousegop.com.