



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
House of Representatives

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TO : All House Members
FROM : Hon. Will Tallman *WT*
SUBJECT : NFPA Standards and Costs Resolution
DATE : December 15, 2011

In the near future, I will be introducing a resolution encouraging the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to consider the economic impact of any proposed changes to equipment standards.

As you may know, our fire services community continues to struggle financially providing a service and protecting our citizens in each of our communities. Our emergency services are being tasked to provide even greater levels of service many times with very limited resources.

The NFPA has issued updates to their fire equipment standards in 2009, which have increased the cost Pennsylvania fire companies have to bear to continue to provide a necessary service. A 2011 PA Fire Needs Assessment report was issued by the NFPA, which highlighted the fact that Pennsylvania's fire departments still struggled with obtaining and maintaining equipment and apparatus.

To that end, my resolution calls on the NFPA to strongly consider the economic impact of any proposed changes to equipment standards and encourages the NFPA to include additional active firefighters on the association's board and various committees and to allow for more input from fire departments from across the U.S.

If you would like to join me in sponsoring this resolution, please contact Jodi Addington in my Harrisburg office at 783-8875 or via e-mail at jaddingt@pahousegop.com.