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November 2, 2005

Rule Making Review

The West Virginia State Fire Commission is requesting to withdraw the Fire Department Review and Standards Rule 87-CSR6. Thank you for all the work and attention that you have given to this rule and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely

Sterling Lewis, Jr. 
State Fire Marshal

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**WEST VIRGINIA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED STATE RULE**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the WEST VIRGINIA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, in session for its 2005 Annual Convention, by the affirmative UNANIMOUS vote of the members voting, that:

The West Virginia State Firemen's Association opposes the adoption as a West Virginia State Rule and Regulation that certain set of rules promulgated and proposed by the West Virginia State Fire Marshall's Office and the West Virginia State Fire Commission which were filed in the Office of the West Virginia Secretary of State at 4:23 PM on July 29, 2005, and which are called "Rules and Procedures for the Certification and Review of Local Fire Departments".

The West Virginia State Firemen's Association opposes the adoption of the foregoing proposed Rules and Procedures because the Rules, as proposed, would deprive local fire departments, fire companies, and local governments of control of their own local fire departments. The proposed Rule would transfer such control to the West Virginia Fire Commission and/or West Virginia State Fire Marshall's Office, and make all local fire departments subservient to and dependent upon the West Virginia State Fire Commission as to their very right to exist and engage in fire fighting activities.


Certification

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution which was adopted by affirmative unanimous vote by the West Virginia State Firemen's Association on Friday, September 9, 2005.

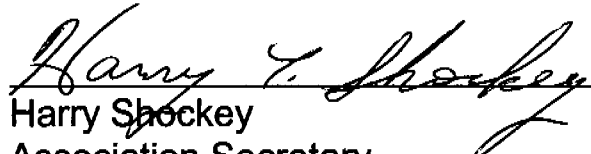
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Frank N. Rodgers,
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West Virginia State Fire Chief's Association, Inc.



August 17, 2005

Re: Rules and Procedures for the Certification and Review of Local Fire Departments.
Title 87, Series 6

The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin
President
West Virginia Senate
Room 227M, Building 1
State Capitol Complex
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Senator Tomblin;

At the West Virginia State Fire Chief's meeting on July 31, 2005 it was requested to ask the Legislative Rules Making Review Committee to return the Rules and Regulations for Fire Departments back to the West Virginia State Fire Commission for further review and input from the Fire Departments.

This is being requested as the Fire Departments had very limited input into these Rules and Regulations. Some of the Fire Departments are very much opposed to certain sections of the Rules and Regulations and would like to have an opportunity to address these sections.

Your attention to this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Robert S. Miller
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Secretary-Treasurer
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