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▶ **Assemblyman Brian Miller** has been working to address the shortage of volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers in our state. Every year, these volunteers save taxpayers \$3.8 billion in addition to protecting our lives and our property.

#### ASSEMBLYMAN BRIAN MILLER IS WORKING TO:

- ★ Create the NYS Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Fund to support volunteer fire companies statewide (A.8486);
- ★ Exempt volunteer firefighters and EMS workers from the state's income tax (A.7655);
- ★ Allow municipalities to offer tax exemptions to volunteers who live in one municipality but serve in another (A.5117, A.6712);
- ★ Create a scholarship for volunteer firefighters. If enacted, this bill would also provide loan forgiveness to cover student loans of those who volunteer (A.7809);
- ★ Ensure volunteers are properly trained without compromising their jobs by allowing them to leave work for mandatory fire prevention or emergency medical training, while also creating a tax incentive for their employers to offset any lost wages (A.1700, A.7827);
- ★ Enact the "Omnibus Emergency Services Volunteer Incentive Act" to provide increased benefits to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, including the ability to qualify for municipal health insurance plans (A.4239); and
- ★ Establish a Commission on Volunteer Fire Departments within the state's Division of Homeland Security to help increase funding for capital needs of volunteer fire companies and ambulance organizations (A.8307).

#### THERE ARE MANY INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS TO JOINING YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INCLUDING:

- ★ Self-confidence and leadership skills;
- ★ Training and education programs;
- ★ Scholarships and tuition reimbursement;
- ★ Reductions on your property taxes;
- ★ Free museum admission;
- ★ Service recognition;
- ★ Tax and pension credit; and
- ★ Health and insurance benefits and screenings.