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During this extraordinary time, our volunteer fire companies have been there to respond to our emergencies and have taken every precaution to protect us as well as their dedicated volunteer firefighters and EMTs from the coronavirus. With costs rising, fire companies have also been unable to hold their annual fundraisers that provide their operating revenue — not to mention the added costs needed to cover the personal protective equipment and other pandemic-related expenses now necessary for every call.

AS YOUR ASSEMBLYMAN, BRIAN MILLER SPONSORED NEW LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS THIS, AND ALSO CALLED ON OUR STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES TO HELP. THE NEW YORK STATE VOLUNTEER FIRE PROTECTION REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT (A.10397) WOULD:

- ★ Divert existing funds from the public safety communications surcharge in the state's General Fund to reimburse volunteer departments and emergency medical services for expenses incurred related to procuring personal protective equipment; and
- ★ Allow for these organizations to be reimbursed for lost revenue due to either municipal budget cuts or the cancellation of public events or fundraisers.