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► **Assemblyman Mike Norris** 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 MIKE NORRIS 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 program for volunteer firefighters that would provide loan and interest 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 (A.4239); and
- ★ Establish a Commission on Volunteer Fire Departments within the state's Division of Homeland Security to help examine 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;
- ★ Service recognition; and
- ★ Tax and pension credit.