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The Maine Fire Chiefs' Association is the leading voice and advocate for the Fire Service in Maine. The Association provides a leadership view on issues of Fire and Life Safety, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Management. The Maine Fire Chiefs' Association continues to be committed to providing Legislators with accurate and concise information about its legislative priorities. With that information and understanding of the issues, we hope that Legislators will support the following initiatives:

LD-655 An Act to Create a Maine Firefighter Training Facility:

Requesting a funding appropriation in the amount of \$200,000.00 to facilitate a third party consultant to conduct a feasibility study to develop a statewide centrally located facility and several regional facilities in the State of Maine. The regional facilities shall reach 90% of Maine's firefighter's within 1 hour. Maine is currently the only state in New England without a central and modern fire training facilities. **This has been carried over until the next session which begins January 2016.**

LD-125 An Act Extending Workers' Compensation Benefits to Certain Employees of the Office of the State Fire Marshal Who Contract Cancer:

This legislation amends the law allowing for workers' compensation benefits for firefighters who contract cancer by including in the definition of firefighters investigators and sergeants employed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. **Chapter 373 Public Law.**

The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC):

Building codes establish predictable, consistent minimum standards that are applied to the quality and durability of construction materials. According to the International Codes Council, "minimum requirements" means that the construction meets the criteria of being both "practical and adequate for protecting life, safety and welfare of the public." MUBEC has begun reviewing the 2015 code and making appropriate updates to ensure the latest minimum standards of building are met. The Maine Fire Chiefs' Association supports the adoption of the 2015 International Codes Council (ICC) as written. **Small changes, primarily the same.**

LD-164 An Act to Establish the Maine Length of Service Award Program:

This bill establishes the framework for a statewide pension-type program under which "bona fide volunteers" as defined in the United States Internal Revenue Code are paid length of service awards for performing qualified services. This bill authorizes the State, political subdivisions and emergency services providers within the State as well as emergency services volunteers to participate in the funding of this program. Participation in the program is optional and the amount contributed may vary from year to year. **Chapter 352 Public Law.**