



# Michigan Fire Service Coalition

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## December Communications

The 95<sup>th</sup> Legislature concluded its work on December 15<sup>th</sup> with little fanfare. Many of the major issues were left unfinished and will need to be reexamined as the legislature convenes in January. This included many of the issues the fire services were working on. House Bill 5999, the Fireworks Act, blew up as a result of the various industry groups being unable to compromise on the legislation. We expect that a new bill will be reintroduced next year but will face many of the same challenges. We will remain diligent in finding a stable funding source for the Bureau of Fire Services and the Fire Fighter Training Council. Another piece of legislation that failed to make it to the Governors' desk was the PA 312 reform. This legislation passed out of both chambers but the Senate Republicans decided against sending it to the Governor for her signature despite introducing and passing the exact version. What occurred with this legislation is a precursor of things to come for public employees in 2011. The fire services must be ready to defend the many rights and protections that they currently enjoy, including but not limited to, MIOSHA, revenue sharing, PA 312, health care and retirements benefits. The members of the various fire safety organizations but get engaged with their local politicians. We need to encourage strong participation on our legislative issues.

We expect committee assignments to be named in the House in mid January. Key Senate committee chairs include

### **Reforms, Restructuring, Reinventing**

Senator Mark Jansen (Chair)  
Senator Elect Patrick Colbeck (VC)  
Senator Coleman Young (Minority VC)

### **Regulatory Reform**

Senator Elect Tory Rocca (Chair)  
Senator Elect Rick Jones (VC)  
Senator Elect Coleman Young (Minority VC)

### **Appropriations Chair – Senator Roger Kahn**

### **Appropriations – DELEG**

Senator Mark Jansen (Chair)  
Senator John Proos (VC)  
Senator Bert Johnson (Minority VC)