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Farhat-led Fire Caucus takes proactive approach to emergency preparation

Legislators take action with fire safety program development

A new bipartisan, bicameral caucus has been created to prevent and prepare for emergencies in Michigan.

State Rep. David Farhat and many of his House and Senate colleagues have joined together to form the Michigan Fire Service Caucus. Farhat, House chair of the caucus, says its main goal is to promote safety and awareness for Michigan's residents during all types of emergencies.

"Every year in Michigan, people lose their lives and personal property to devastating fires," said Farhat, R-Fruitport. "It is important that we aggressively pursue measures to ensure our safety and the safety of our firefighters."

The Fire Caucus will work to promote and support effective statewide emergency services by:

- Ensuring statewide fire safety and prevention programs are developed and distributed;

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- Securing the establishment of effective fire codes and enforcement;
- Promoting the safety of Michigan’s firefighters through effective state training and certification programs;
- Providing that effective homeland security programs and policies are adopted for firefighters, the state’s first responders; and
- Maintaining an effective statewide emergency medical system to serve communities throughout the state.

So far, 53 members of the Michigan House of Representatives have joined the Fire Caucus.

“It is a privilege to be a part of something that can potentially make a huge difference in the way we prepare for and handle emergency situations,” Farhat said.

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