

## 2010 Tennessee Fire Chief's Legislative Position Summary

Senate Bill	House Bill	Summary	Status	Position
SB 2021 Berke	HB 2023 M. Turner	<b>Smoke Alarms</b> – Requires all statutorily mandated smoke detectors installed after January 1, 2010, to be photo-electric devices or a combination of ionized and photo-electric. <b>We are opposed to this bill because it limits the utilization of technology. For those fire departments that supply the citizens with smoke alarms, chances are they are ionization, which means this law would say you can't give them out. We aren't questioning the IAFF position on smoke alarms, we are only saying that all other national organizations support dual technology and there are different uses for different alarms. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE SPONSOR TO AMEND THIS BILL SO WE CAN PASS SOMETHING THAT IMPROVES LIFE SAFETY IN TENNESSEE, which is what the sponsor really intends to do.</b>	<a href="#">SB 2021</a>	Oppose
SB 1308 Tracy	HB 1294 Stewart	<b>Fire Training Grants</b> Expands Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grants to include students attending the fire service and codes enforcement academy. Limits such grants to \$500 per year per qualified student.	<a href="#">HB 1294</a>	Endorse
SB 1677 Tate	HB 1482 S. Jones	<b>Public Safety Infectious Disease Exposure</b> As introduced, creates a presumption that an infectious disease acquired by a firefighter, paramedic, emergency medical technician, or emergency medical technician advanced was suffered in the line of duty unless the contrary is shown by competent evidence. - Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 2.	<a href="#">HB 1482</a>	Endorse
SB 3602 Ketron	HB 3152 Tindell	<b>Firefighting Commission</b> – The intent of this bill was to ensure those members who serve on the commission in the future are certified firefighters and come from fire departments who participate in the commission programs. This bill comes as a result of issues arising in 2009 with Sunset of the Commission.	<a href="#">HB 3152</a>	Endorse (our bill)
SB 1476	HB 0786	<b>Alarm systems agreement requirements.</b> Requires alarm system agreements to be in writing and signed by the buyer. Also requires alarm system agreements to contain certain language regarding cancellations. Prohibits an alarm system agreement from containing an automatic renewal clause. Specifies other restrictions for alarm systems agreements. TCA Sec. 47-18-0100	<a href="#">HB 0786</a>	Oppose
SB 0670 Norris	HB 0378 Lollar	<b>Local Government Jurisdiction for Building Regulations</b> – This bill places the pressure on the local community to allow construction of an educational facility prior to all the approvals being received.	<a href="#">HB 0378</a>	Oppose
SB 0731 Watson	HB 0276 Dean	<b>Regulation of Fireworks for use by Local Governments</b> Modifies statutes governing the sale of consumer fireworks. General intent is to “occupy and preempt the entire field of legislation concerning the regulation of consumer fireworks by local governments by private act”	<a href="#">HB 0276</a>	

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SB 0821 Marrero	HB 0771 M. Turner	<b>Adoption of All NFPA Standards</b> – while this would be ideal (from a fire service point of view), it isn't practical. The fiscal impact to local government would be substantial.	<a href="#">HB 0771</a>	Oppose
SB 3084 Burchett	HB 3186 M. Turner	<b>Photo Electric Smoke Detectors</b> – We are currently working with the sponsor to make amendments that do not limit technology but makes the property owner responsible for having smoke alarms in rental properties. This bill was introduced following the Nashville fire that resulted in five deaths.	<a href="#">HB 3186</a>	Neutral
SB 3279 Burchett	HB 3324 Sargent	<b>Smoke Detector</b> – This is our bill and was introduced because we now have a code that regulates one and two family dwellings. This law is no longer needed because the code requires smoke alarms. The only place we have ran into an issue is where the local government ops out of the state code.	<a href="#">HB 3324</a>	Endorse (this is our bill)
SB 1677 Tate	HB 1482 S. Jones	<b>Infectious Disease Acquired by Firefighters, Paramedic, EMT</b> Creates a presumption that an infectious disease acquired by a firefighter, paramedic, or EMT was suffered in the line of duty unless the contrary is shown by competent evidence.	<a href="#">HB 1482</a>	Support
SB 2410 Faulk	HB 2491 Roach	<b>Grainger County FF Training Requirement Exemption</b> Removes minimum firefighter training requirements from firefighters within Grainger County. Amendment 1 applies to Carroll County. Amendment 2 applies to Claiborne County	<a href="#">SB 2410</a>	Oppose
SB 2411 Faulk	HB 3890 Harrison	<b>Hawkins County FF Training Requirement Removes Exemption</b>	<a href="#">SB 2411</a>	Support
SB 2487 Faulk	HB 2492 Roach	<b>Claiborne County FF Training Requirement Exemption</b>	<a href="#">SB 2487</a>	Oppose
SB 2641 Finney	HB 3535 Maddox	<b>Carroll County FF Training Requirement Exemption</b>	<a href="#">SB 2641</a>	Oppose
SB 2869 Marrero	HB 2961 Moore	<b>Public Safety Employee Bargaining Act</b> (54 pp) Enacts the Public Safety Employee Bargaining Act. Sets up collective bargaining for disputes regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. Establishes that all public safety employees should have the right of organization and representation. Requires the state, local governments, and other political subdivisions to negotiate with exclusive representatives/bargaining agents duly certified to represent public safety employees. Creates a public safety employees relations board to assist in resolving disputes between public safety employees and public employers.	<a href="#">HB 2961</a>	Oppose

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SB 2991 Berke	HB 3292 Tindell	<b>Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act</b> Recognizes the right of professional public safety employees of municipalities to form professional public safety employee organizations to negotiate with municipalities, including any city or county with jurisdiction over paid public safety departments including metropolitan governments. Includes as public safety officers: law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel. Sets forth the following conditions of employment as subject of negotiation: salaries or wages; grievance procedures; insurance; pensions and fringe benefits; working conditions; leave; payroll deductions; health, safety, and general welfare; and other conditions of employment. Creates the TN Public Safety Labor Board, under the department of labor and workforce development to resolve any dispute related to which professional public safety employees organization will be the exclusive representative of the employees of a public safety department (15 pp.).	<a href="#">HB 3292</a>	Oppose
SB 3076 Herron	HB 3534 Maddox	<b>Weakley County FF Training Requirement</b> Bill would allow the Weakley County Commission to adopt minimum firefighter training requirements for firefighters in the county.	<a href="#">HB 3534</a>	Support
SB 3301 Kelsey	HB 2659 Faulkner	<b>Complaints against Firefighters and Law Enforcement</b> Requires any complaint against a law enforcement officer to be in writing and signed by the person making the complaint. Also requires the law enforcement officer to be given a copy of the complaint within five business days after the complaint is filed. Prohibits disciplinary action from being taken against the law enforcement officer unless a signed copy of the complaint has been given to the officer. Also prohibits the officer from being indefinitely suspended or terminated based on the complaint unless such complaint is investigated and there is evidence to prove the allegation of misconduct. Sets up the same procedures for firefighters.	<a href="#">SB 3301</a>	
SB 1988 Crowe	HB 1765 Shiple	<b>TN Emergency Services Stimulus Act of 2009</b> Establishes grant program administered by department to support emergency services in Tennessee. Specifies that the following services are eligible for these grants: fire departments; volunteer fire departments; rescue squads; local law enforcement, including police and sheriff's departments; emergency medical services; and fire academies, including the East Tennessee Fire School	<a href="#">HB 1765</a>	Support
SB 1843 Kyle	HB 1638 U. Jones	<b>License Plates for FF and Paramedics</b> Authorizes issuance of special license plates for firefighters and paramedics.	<a href="#">SB 1843</a>	Support
SB 1929 Black	HB 1462 Evans	<b>License Plates for Volunteer Firefighters</b> Authorizes a special license plate free of charge for volunteer firefighters who have a letter from the local firefighting chief that certifies the firefighter is s certified emergency medical first responder and has been certified as a firefighter by the s commission on firefighting standards and education for a period of at least one year.	<a href="#">SB 1929</a>	Support