



# Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association

Ohio's Premier Fire & Emergency Service Leadership Association



## Legislative Committee

July 7, 2016

OFCA Legislative Committee members continue to work towards representing the needs of our membership to House and Senate leaders, as well as the Governor's Office. Monthly committee meetings held via conference call were productive, and the group united in July and January when the group met in person. The 2015-2016 year was one of transition. The OFCA Board of Directors honored Chief Robert Bates for his years of dedicated leadership serving this committee. Chief Bates has assisted Chief Westendorf in transitioning into his new role as committee chair. Chief Bates remains actively involved with the committee, assisting as an issue lead for the Trauma Bill (HB 261), which continues to work toward acceptance of the OFCA proposed Time Critical Diagnosis bill.

The Committee recommended SUPPORTIVE positions:

- Police-Fire Levy Revenue (HB13)
- Emergency Civil Immunity (HB17) – **Signed by Governor**
- Adult Protective Services (HB24)
- Foreclosures-Vacant Properties (HB134)
- First Responders' Appreciation Day (HB163)
- Arson-Property Ownership (HB185)
- First Responders-Injured Animals (HB187) – **Signed by Governor**
- Disorderly Conduct Offenses (HB209)
- Firefighter Compensation (HB292)
- Township Laws (HB413) – Signed by Governor
- Concealed Carry- Tactical Medical Professional (HB529)
- Workers' Compensation- PTSD (SB5)
- Workers' Compensation- Firefighter Cancer (SB27)
- Emergency Personnel- Report Traffic Violations (SB123) – **Signed by Governor**
- Life Sustaining Treatment- DNR Orders (SB165) – **Passed by Senate**
- Immunity- Forcible Vehicle Entry (SB215) – **Signed by Governor**, and
- Medical Transportation- Medicaid Payment (SB248)

The Committee recommended a position of Opposition for:

- Public Office- State Agency Efficiency Studies (HB5) – **Signed by Governor**

- School Door- Barricade (HB114)
- Joint Economic Development Districts (HB182) – **Signed by Governor**
- Redevelopment Districts (HB233) – **Signed by Governor**
- State Trauma Board (HB261)
- Egress-Rental Property (HB306)
- School Emergency- Barricade Device (SB125)
- Motor Fuel Disposal (SB150)
- Rental Property- Secondary Egress (SB205)

In addition, the committee is monitoring a number of additional relevant bills.

We understand there is a time commitment to build and nurture effective relationships with elected officials; however, these relationships are critically important when matter of sudden importance arise. Please consider joining our efforts. The Committee is actively seeking additional members so that we can build and maintain effective relationships with our representatives. Additionally, the docket we are following is extensive and increased membership will enable us to be actively engaged on a broader array of issues. Regardless, your participation in acting upon Legislative Action Alerts and Legislative Bulletins remains a vital component of our legislative strategy.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association as the Legislative Chair.

Sincerely,

Jonathan M. Westendorf