

# 2023 PFESI IMPACT REPORT

The Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute is an educational, non-profit association of emergency service organizations, emergency responders, industry and public service professionals who research, exchange information, and cultivate relationships among constituents about the issues affecting emergency response and life safety in the state of Pennsylvania. Our mission is to use combined knowledge and efforts to better protect the industry and those who serve within it.



## Advocacy

PFESI advocates for the sustainment and improvement of fire and emergency services across Pennsylvania. We work with various groups to gain consensus and provide recommendations to the General Assembly, Executive Branch, and administrative agencies.

2023 started a new legislation session in Harrisburg. The 2023-2024 session included PFESI participating in numerous meetings with new members of the Senate and House.

PFESI tracked forty-nine fire and EMS related bills. We provided letters of support and assisted other statewide organizations with advocacy.

The key fire service organizations meet as a Joint Law and Legislative Subcommittee on a regular basis to monitor current legislation.

## Professional Development / Training

PFESI conducts professional development for a variety of organizations. The efforts include improving relationships between emergency services organizations and local governments, increasing awareness on the issues identified in SR-6, and fire service strategic planning.

- PFESI Webinar 1 – Are you planning a new fire station?
  - 22 Attendees
- PFESI Webinar 2 – Implementing Volunteer Tax Credits
  - 66 Attendees
- PFESI Webinar 3 – As a Firefighter, what are my rights after a work injury?
  - 22 Attendees
- PFESI Webinar 4 – Best Practices for Youth Camps and Citizens Fire Academy
  - 28 Attendees
- Effective Relationships (Fire Service and Local Government)
  - (3) Programs – 84 attendees
- Strategic Planning for Fire Service Operations
  - (3) Programs – 124 attendees
- Cambria County Leadership Development Program
  - 28 Attendees

## Strength Through Engagement

PFESI conducts outreach to various partners and communities throughout Pennsylvania. The goal of these outreach efforts is to increase awareness and promote engagement in the legislative process. These efforts also improve the visibility of PFESI.

- Pennsylvania Career Fire Chiefs Meeting
- Western Pennsylvania Firefighters Association
- West Hanover Volunteer Fire Department
- Firefighters Association of the State of Pennsylvania meetings
- Fayette County Firefighters Association
- State Fire Advisory Board Regional Meetings (Dauphin, Berks, Luzerne, and Dauphin Counties)
- York County Firefighters Association
- Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association
- Keystone Emergency Management Association
- Burn Prevention Network
- Delaware County Fireman's Association
- Western Pennsylvania Career Chiefs Association

### PFESI Town Hall Meetings

PFESI has conducted and will continue to conduct a series of open Town Hall style meetings with members of the Pennsylvania Fire Service. Our goal is to seek local input and ideas on how we can effectively prepare for the current and future challenges facing organizations.

York County Town Hall – 24 attendees

Allegheny County (Monroeville) Town Hall – 19 Attendees

Blair County (Altoona) Town Hall – 32 attendees

Excellent feedback was received and is being used to guide our legislative and educational efforts.

### Conference Participation / Vendor

PFESI participated as a vendor in several conferences. The goal of attending is to expand our influence, answer questions, and build relationships. We attended the following events:

- Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors – 211 contacts
- LCFA Fire Expo – 120 contacts
- Western Pennsylvania Instructor Conference – 25 contacts

## Coordination with Key Partners

PFESI works with many key partners at the local, county, state, and federal level. The success of our organization is built over the ability to achieve consensus and partner with those who have in interest in sustaining and improving Pennsylvania's Fire and Emergency Services Organizations.

### Some of our 2023 key partners include:

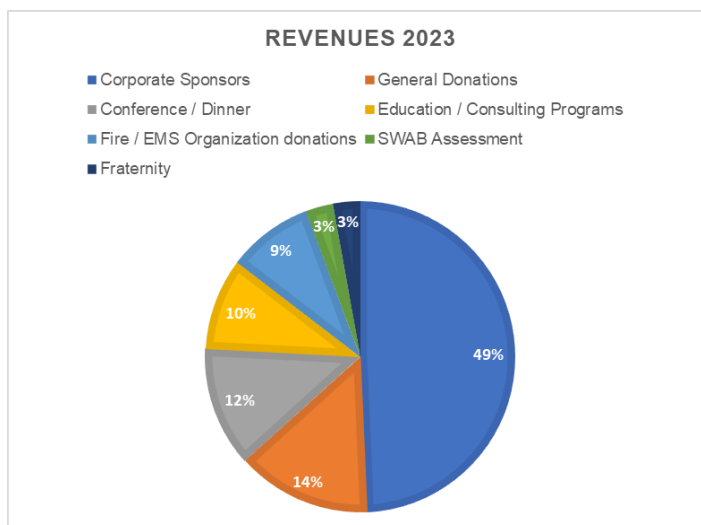
- Firefighter's Association of the State of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors
- Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council
- Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania Career Fire Chiefs Association
- Pennsylvania Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Office of the State Fire Commissioner

## Ongoing SR 6 Report Work

PFESI has continued to coordinate Recommendation 17 to create permanent communication and cooperation link among fire & EMS providers. PFESI coordinated meetings with all original SR 6 members and key legislative staff. The purpose of these meetings is to track progress and recommend continuing efforts.

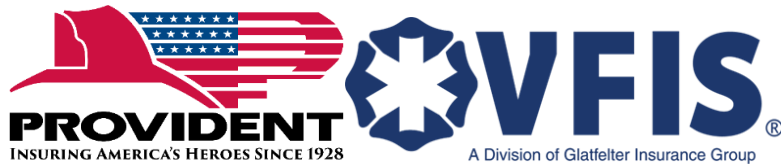
## Finance

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