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**House Majority Policy Committee**  
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**Public Hearing: Issues Facing Pennsylvania's Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders**

**Date/Time:** *Monday, July 23, 2012*  
*11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

**Location:** North Huntingdon Townhouse  
11279 Center Highway  
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

**Opening Remarks**

Representative Dave Reed  
Chairman, Majority Policy Committee  
*62<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District*

Representative George Dunbar  
Co-chairman, Majority Policy Committee  
*56<sup>th</sup> Legislative District*

***Statewide Policy Goals of Pennsylvania's Volunteer Fighters and First Responders***

11:05 a.m. – 11:20 p.m. .... Don Konkle  
Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute (PFESI)

Mike Whitzel  
Member, Board of Directors of PFESI  
Member, Legislative Committee of Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania  
Chief, Franklinton and Community Fire Company of York

***Local Issues Roundtable with Volunteer Firefighters***

11:20 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. .... A panel of firefighters and emergency responders, including:  
Michael Seice, Assistant Fire Chief, Claridge VFD  
Gene E. Good, Fire Chief, Harrison City VFD  
Sam Bray, Assistant Fire Chief, Irwin VFD  
Paul Wersing, Penn Township Commissioner and Member, Claridge VFD  
Melvin Benamati, President, Indiana County Fire Chiefs Association  
*Additional volunteer firefighters expected*

***Regional Perspective of Pennsylvania's Volunteer Fire Departments and First Responders***

12:05 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. .... R. Tyler Courtney  
Westmoreland County Commissioner

Kenneth D. "Doug" Cole  
Monroeville Chief of Police

***Statewide Perspective of Pennsylvania's Volunteer Fire Departments***

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. .... Edward A. Mann  
Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner