

April 19, 2022

Dear NJ Fire & EMS Stakeholders:

For the past several months, a small group of NJ Fire & EMS leaders have been diligently meeting to determine the path to reconstitute the New Jersey Fire and Emergency Medical Services Institute (NJFEMSI). The NJFEMSI is an outstanding organization that was formed to give the State's fire and emergency medical services a collective, unified, and strong voice at the Statehouse in Trenton. In 1991, the Institute's founding member Fire Chief Ken Anderson had the vision that from unity comes strength. Chief Anderson wanted New Jersey's emergency responders to have input and impact on the laws, regulations and standards that relate to our industry. The results of the work of the NJFEMSI are numerous and have provided benefits to all our emergency responders. The passage of the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP), the Fire Safe Dormitory Fire Sprinkler Code, and Safe Cigarette Legislation are just a few of the successes that are the products of the Institute's collaborative efforts at the State Capital.

Through no one's fault and due to the Coronavirus pandemic coupled with other unforeseeable circumstances, the Institute has been inactive for the past few years. With the blessing of the current President Paul Roman, the Ad Hoc committee has developed a comprehensive plan to overhaul and reconstitute the organization. You are invited to attend a public meeting held on Saturday, June 4, 2022, starting at 8:30 am to discuss this plan and re-energize the Institute. This meeting will be held at the New Jersey Fire Museum located at 4 Polhemustown Road, Allentown, NJ 08501. This meeting will be convened on time and will conclude at 11:30 am with light refreshments and fellowship to follow. On or before May 3, 2022, in advance of the meeting, Institute by-law updates will be emailed out for your review.

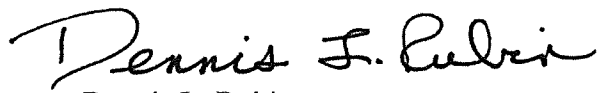
The agenda for this reorganizational meeting will be as follows:

- Welcome
- Introduction of the Fire & EMS Ad Hoc Alliance Committee Members
- A brief presentation of the history of the NJFEMS Institute
- Fire & EMS members public comments (limited to 2 minutes per person)
- Presentation of the revised By-Laws
- Additions, Corrections or Deletions of the revised By-Laws
- Adoption of the final By-Laws by the Alliance Members
- Appreciation for Past President Paul Roman's selfless service to NJFEMSI
- Election of officers
- Swearing in the new officers
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- Path forward
- Adjournment
- NJ Firefighter Memorial Service

We hope that your schedule will allow you to be a part of making fire and emergency medical services history. Your presence is needed to help improve the health, safety, security, and welfare of the citizens, visitors, and emergency responders of New Jersey.

The by-laws are currently under review. If you are interested in receiving an email copy of the revised by-laws in advance of this meeting, please contact Chief Tony Correia (current Institute treasurer) at [acorr1954@gmail.com](mailto:acorr1954@gmail.com) to get on the by-law revision email group.

Yours in the interest of a safe and secure community,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis L. Rubin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dennis L. Rubin,  
Fire & EMS Consultant to the Ad Hoc Committee