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Mr. Glenn J. Kearney

President

The New York State Association of Auxiliary Police

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Dear Mr. Kearney;

This correspondence shall serve as an official statement of support by the Nassau County Auxiliary Police Executive Board of the on-going efforts of the New York State Association of Auxiliary Police in the matter of the so proposed New York State legislation as introduced in Assembly by Assemblyman Carl Heastie (number A04368) and, as so introduced in the Senate by Senator Joseph P. Addabbo (number S3701), in regards to the establishment of a volunteer peace officer benefit law and, in regards to the amendments of the New York State Executive Law and General Municipal Law, as so offered in relation to the volunteer peace officer program.

In short, the law in New York State as we know it, in relationship to the Auxiliary Police program and other volunteer law enforcement programs is seriously out of date. But more over, long over due is the proper recognition of the outstanding work and many sacrifices made every day and every night by all of our law enforcement volunteers in order to protect and serve our citizens.

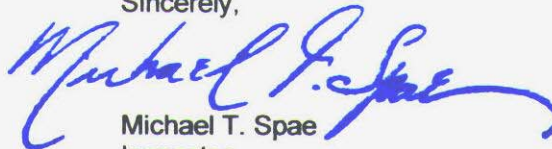
And so, it is reasonable, it is fair and it is just that all necessary steps be taken to ensure the volunteer members of the law enforcement community be aligned so that all volunteer emergency servants be protected under the law in the face of a changed world. Such items of consideration would be; standardized qualifications for acceptance to service, benefits for actively serving members, longevity, continuing education, routine and timely training and programs of protection for service that is currently afforded the volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers in this state.

Your recent presentation to this Board on these matters was most informative. I thank you for taking the time to personally meet with us.

I, along with the members of this Board as well as the members of this organization thank you for your continued work on these issues. We respectfully offer any assistance that might help guide this work toward a positive end.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Spae
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