

President Message

My apologies for not being with you at the meeting this week, but we are away for the Thanksgiving Holiday. I cannot believe an entire year has past since taking the on the presidents role of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association. I am proud of the progress we have made in the last year and feel that we have positioned the organization for the future. We started the year with a strategic planning meeting where the Board of Directors took an honest look at the organizations strengths and weaknesses. This process led us to the development of a new mission statement and several goals for the next two years. Immediately follow this meeting we initiated a newsletter which was posted online and made available at our meetings. This newsletter was also emailed via the Connecticut Fire Academy's list service. Recently every member of our organization was asked to complete an opinion survey about what they want from membership in the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association. The results of this survey were presented in Groton last month and will serve as a blueprint for our new president.

We have been active in many areas this year with representation in Homeland Security, NIMS, EMS, IAFC just to mention a few. We also made a recommendation to the Governor for John Brady to the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control which she subsequently has made the appointment. I personally had the opportunity to sit on the Joint Fire Service Council at the Capital and found this to be very rewarding. We have continued to participate at the Federal level with representation at the ICHIEFs conference and the Leadership Summit in Washington D.C.

I want to thank every member of the organization for this rewarding opportunity to lead your organization. I sincerely feel that there is a great deal of potential for the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association that still remains untapped. I have every confidence that Fred Dudek shares that same vision and will carry on the work we have started. I stand ready to assist Fred and the Board and hope we can double our progress in 2006.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Struble
President