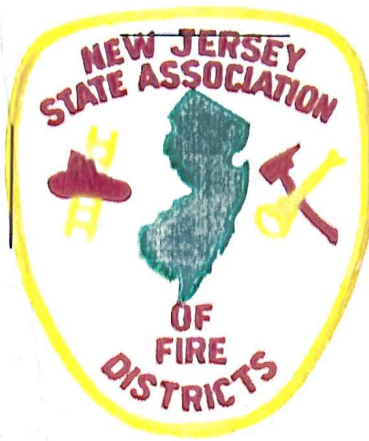




Treasurer's Report for NJSAFD / PNC Bank

As of June 4th, 2026

We collect, and deposit from Dues, \$25,800.00 since the last meeting.

(March, 2026) The dues will continue till next meeting.

The Total in all of the NJSAFD accounts = \$89,507.28

The current Checking account had = \$17,741.96

Paid currently :

Porzio Governmental Affairs =\$6180.00, 1st Qtr 2026.

Cash out of Pocket (misc. etc.), Peter Goldring = \$74.97

Last meetings Refreshments were in with PG

Monthly Fees \$3.00 = \$12.00

Balance in the Checking account after deductions, deposits, payments =

\$37,274.99

The Money Market account = \$ 52,229.29 That is another \$387.74 interest.

Thank You,

Greg Santonastaso

Treasurer

New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts

June 6, 2006

Meeting Attendance

Print name	County	Township	District
Richard Horton	Burlington	Riverside	701
Carmelo LaMora	Monmouth	Howell	2
Greg Santovastano	Middlesex	Piscataway	* 1
Tom Koubek	Monmouth	Howell	* 5
Bob Tice	Monmouth	Howell	3
Dave Tilton	Monmouth	Marlboro	# 7
R Harper	Mon	Howell	5
B Donahue	Mon	Howell	5
J Harper	Mon	Howell	5
K. Mannik	"	"	"
P Goldring	"	"	2

NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS
QUARTERLY REPORT
BY LYNN NOWAK- Porzio Governmental Affairs
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DCA REGULATIONS

On March 5, 2026, the DCA/the Division of Fire Services issued two proposals of great interest to the Fire Districts.

The first addresses fire service training and certification. It is quite extensive and needs thorough review. It includes training for the Junior Firefighters Auxiliary (we supported the legislation that created this). Also, per P.L. 2015, c. 19, it addresses moving credentialing for fire inspectors and officials from certification to licensure. THERE ARE MANY MORE PROVISIONS.

The second is equally extensive and updates the Uniform Fire Safety Code to incorporate the most up-to-date standards from the International Fire Code, 2024 Edition, with amendments. The Division proposes to have these amendments become effective upon publication of final adoption in the Register.

The full rule proposals have been shared with the officers and Rich Braslow.

Comments are due on May 1, 2026. *I never received any comments on this or interest in commenting. To date, no publication of adoption has been in the NJ Register.*

Pre-proposal from DLGS

On Apr 2, 2025, Rich Braslow received an extensive package of rules from Jason Martucci in the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) at the pre-proposal level. This pre-proposal affects all levels of local governments and numerous aspects of the work they do from procurement to submission of budgets to penalties for non-compliance. Rich submitted comments to Jason in advance of the May 2, 2025 deadline. Jason provided positive replies to several of Rich's comments. **While the procurement piece was put on an indefinite hold, recent info has indicated that DLGS is reviving these although the proposal is not imminent (late summer perhaps?). I will stay in touch with Jason Martucci to ascertain timeline and additional language.**

LEGISLATION

****Extension of Time Period for Lease Purchase of Fire Vehicles and Issuance of Notes**

S757, Burzichelli/A4687, Bailey – Concerns local government (including fire districts) acquisition of fire-fighting apparatus through purchase or lease (and through issuance of notes).

A4687 was heard and released unanimously by the Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee on May 28. Peter Golding and I testified in support. The bill also received support from the League of Municipalities and the Professional Firefighters Association of NJ. As introduced, the bill did not include our request that the period of time for bond anticipation notes, issued by fire districts to be paid, be increased from 3-10 years, making it congruent with municipal fire companies. However, the bill was amended by the Committee to include this. It was also amended to remove all mandatory compliance with NFPA standards. Its next step is consideration by the full Assembly. I am working to make that happen before the end of June.

County Fire Academy Course

S1343, Pennacchio and Bucco/A303, Kanitra - Permits students to be eligible for high school graduation credits in health, safety, and physical education for completing county fire academy course under certain circumstances.

This bill was heard and released by the Senate Education Committee on March 2. NJSAFD support was registered. It was amended on the Senate floor May 28, an indication that the bill will be moving forward in the upper house.

Electric Vehicle Fires

A3946, Karabinchak/S2530, O'Scanlon - Requires emergency medical technicians and firefighters to receive training concerning electric vehicle fires.

A3946 was heard and released by the Assembly Safety and Preparedness Committee on March 19. NJSAFD support was registered. It was 2nd referenced to the Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee. The Senate bill has not yet been heard.

Shared Services

S2289, McKeon - Encourages sharing of services; makes appropriation

The bill was heard and released by the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee on Feb 5, 2026. For the most part, the bill refers to "local units" but fire districts are explicitly listed on page 9. Much of it addresses civil service – I am not sure how many districts with paid employees are part of civil service. There is no Assembly companion at this time.

No further action on this bill.

Cooperative Purchasing

S3473, Beach - Revises definition of "contracting unit" for government cooperative purchasing agreements.

This bill was heard and released by the Senate State Government Committee on May 28. Fire districts are included in the definition of "local government unit" in the bill. There is currently no companion in the Assembly.

Cancer Screening

S1583, Amato/A557 - Provides access to periodic cancer screening examinations for volunteer firefighters through SHBP physicians and other providers.

The Senate State Government Committee heard and released this bill in March. It was 2nd referenced to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

Proposal: Digital Transformation for the NJ State Association of Fire Districts

1. Executive Summary

The New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts (NJSAFD) stands as a critical pillar for fire service leadership across the state. To better serve its member districts, the Association requires a unified digital ecosystem that simplifies membership management, ensures transparency through a meeting minutes portal, and provides professional, secure communication via Microsoft 365.

This proposal outlines a unified digital transformation designed to eliminate manual administrative burdens, improve financial accuracy, and provide a professional "Public Face" for the Association.

2. A Modern Web Presence (The Public Face)

We will build a professional, responsive website that serves as the central hub for the Association.

- **Design Aesthetic:** A modern, formal "fire-adjacent" design using a sophisticated palette of charcoal, navy, and deep red.
- **Public District Directory:** An interactive NJ County map and search engine where the public can find any district.
- **NJ-Specific Intelligence:** Integrated NJ County and City datasets to ensure every district is accurately categorized by their local jurisdiction.
- **Accessibility:** Fully compliant with modern web standards, including keyboard navigation and mobile-first responsiveness.

3. Membership Management Portal (The Core Engine)

Based on the **Association Memberships Specification**, we will deploy a custom-built membership system that replaces spreadsheets with a real-time ledger.

For the Association Leadership

- **Command Console:** A high-level overview of all districts, filterable by payment status, county, or city.
- **The System of Record:** A permanent, immutable ledger for all dues. Whether a district pays via a mailed check or a Stripe online transaction, the ledger remains the "single source of truth."
- **Automated Reminders:** Using an intelligent "Action Scheduler," the system will

automatically nudge unpaid districts at pre-configured intervals, providing them with a direct link to pay their dues.

- **Auditability:** Every adjustment, voided check, or returned payment is logged with a timestamp and a user ID, ensuring perfect financial accountability.

For the Member Districts

- **Self-Service Dashboard:** District Admins can log in to update their own profile, manage their station locations (automatically geocoded on a map), and list their commissioners and officials.
- **"One-Click" Renewals:** A secure, Stripe-integrated payment flow that prevents double-payments. If a district is already paid for 2026, the button is automatically disabled to prevent errors.
- **Role-Based Access:** Districts can assign "Editors" to update info or "Viewers" to simply check dues status, ensuring security within the district office.

4. Meeting Minutes & Transparency Portal

To meet the Association's commitment to transparency and compliance, we will implement a dedicated Documents Portal.

- **Historical Archive:** A structured repository for meeting minutes, resolutions, and legislative updates.
- **Public Access vs. Member Only:** Flexible settings to allow public viewing of general minutes while keeping sensitive internal reports restricted to logged-in members.
- **Legislative Tracking:** A dedicated section to disseminate timely information regarding Title 40A and other regulatory changes affecting Fire Districts.

5. Managed Communication: Microsoft 365

Communication is the lifeblood of the Association. We will migrate and maintain a professional M365 environment.

- **Professional Branding:** Move away from generic emails to official @njsafd.org addresses (e.g., president@njsafd.org).
- **Collaboration Tools:** Full access to Teams, OneDrive, and SharePoint for Association officers to collaborate on state-wide initiatives securely.
- **Non-Profit Licensing:** We will assist in securing and managing Microsoft's non-profit pricing grants to ensure the Association's budget is maximized.

6. Implementation Roadmap

Our implementation strategy focuses on a comprehensive rollout of the entire ecosystem to ensure immediate value for both leadership and the districts.

- **Core Platform Deployment:** Installation of the custom Membership Management system and the Public Directory featuring the interactive NJ County Map.



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- **Financial Integration:** Activation of the Stripe payment gateway and the internal ledger system for real-time tracking of online and manual check payments.
- **Infrastructure & Communication:** Full setup of the Microsoft 365 tenant, migration of officer emails, and implementation of the "Rapid Reassignment" security workflows.
- **Security & Access Control:** Deployment of advanced user provisioning tools, password reset helpers, and front-end portal security to restrict administrative backend access for district users.
- **Advanced Reporting & Data:** Activation of CSV export tools for financial auditing, county-level filtering, and bulk geocoding for all district stations.
- **Transparency Launch:** Deployment of the public Meeting Minutes portal with a complete historical archive of Association documents.

7. Our Commitment to Upkeep

This isn't a "build and leave" project. We utilize a **GitHub-based update system** (Plugin Update Checker) to ensure that as WordPress evolves, your Membership Portal remains secure, updated, and bug-free without any manual intervention required from the Association.

Prepared for: The NJ State Association of Fire Districts

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