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# DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S COUNCIL

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September 19, 2005

Dear Council Person,

The Danbury Volunteer Firemen's Council is writing this letter to each council person in Danbury because all of you represent a portion of the volunteers in your respective wards. We are doing this because we feel the City of Danbury and CIRMA unjustly adhere to the State of Connecticut's narrow parameters of workmen's compensation coverage concerning volunteer firemen. Thereby, precluding many volunteer members from receiving deserved coverage.

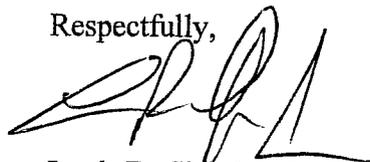
Currently, the only volunteer members in Danbury who are covered are those considered to be "active fire fighting members" who are injured participating in a "fire related duty". The difference of opinion between volunteer members and city/CIRMA officials over the definitions of active members and "fire related duty" is the specific reason we are compelled to write this letter.

Volunteer members believe an active status would include those participating in emergency response, drilling, training, maintaining and repairing equipment, firehouse's property, etc., record keeping, financial duties, seminars and meeting attendance etc., etc. Since our belief of who is an active member is much broader than that of the State's, it is also our contention that the term "fire related duty" would encompass much more than just firefighting and training. We believe it is absolutely necessary to have a much broader definition of coverage and would like to see the City of Danbury adopt a broader policy of workmen's compensation coverages to protect all volunteers who participate in their fire company's activities that assist in running that fire house on a day to day, week to week, month to month, and year to year basis.

At this time, we are requesting either to have this issue put on the council agenda for the next regular meeting or to meet with council representation to explain the exact reason and details of this request.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and the DVFC looks forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you.

Respectfully,



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President, DVFC