

## **A message from the Pennsylvania Towing Association and Our Friends from PennTIME**

Good Afternoon,

Looking for some assistance if you are able to do so. I know each agency may have policies in place of what can be shared when dealing with legislation. If you are able, we would appreciate helping to get the word out.

Tragically, we just learned that another responder, working a roadside incident, was struck and killed last evening (in California), bringing the total number of emergency responder deaths to 37. The article, released just hours ago, shares some of the details.

[https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/tow-truck-driver-struck-and-killed-on-210-freeway-in-la-verne/2428290/?fbclid=IwAR025OW9X\\_ubmp3Mom7RA1h9DijYXgs51F7wbwFWgQ\\_TssBl0nVQfTZjQiE](https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/tow-truck-driver-struck-and-killed-on-210-freeway-in-la-verne/2428290/?fbclid=IwAR025OW9X_ubmp3Mom7RA1h9DijYXgs51F7wbwFWgQ_TssBl0nVQfTZjQiE)

There are Steer Clear laws and Move Over laws in nearly every state, but in Pennsylvania, our current law does little, if anything to protect responders. While we know many agencies rarely gets involved in legislative matters, SB1281 is heading for a possible fight when it reaches the Senate Appropriations Committee. THIS IS NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE. There shouldn't be any consideration of party lines in regards to support of this legislative effort in Pennsylvania. THIS IS A LIFE-SAFETY ISSUE. And we need your help.

**THIS IS AN URGENT CALL TO ACTION to CONTACT THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TODAY (TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15)!**

Thankfully Senators Mastriano, Ward, DiSanto and others are fighting for this Bill to protect us, but now they need our support! Successful passage of SB1281 will only happen if our voices are heard. Call. Email. Tag them in your social media posts. Let our voices be heard! In unity, there is strength!

The following is a list of Senators that sit on the Appropriations Committee. Do you see your home Senator there that you may have a relationship with? We need you to reach out to them on Tuesday! Don't have a relationship with any of them on the list? That's OK too! Pick a Senator and let them know we as Pennsylvania's Emergency Responders NEED their support.

Chair, Patrick Browne

Minority Chair, Vincent Hughes

MAJORITY:

- Yaw, Gene, Vice Chair
- Corman, Jake, Ex Officio
- Scarnati, Joseph B., III, Ex Officio
- Argall, David G. (IS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE BILL)
- Killion, Thomas H.
- Langerholc, Wayne, Jr.

- Laughlin, Daniel
- Martin, Scott (IS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE BILL)
- Mensch, Bob (IS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE BILL)
- Phillips-Hill, Kristin (IS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE BILL)
- Pittman, Joe
- Scavello, Mario M.
- Stefano, Patrick J.
- Vogel, Elder A., Jr.

#### MINORITY

- Schwank, Judith L., Minority Vice Chair
- Costa, Jay, Ex Officio
- Blake, John P.
- Collett, Maria
- Haywood, Art
- Iovino, Pam
- Santarsiero, Steven J.
- Street, Sharif

You can also retrieve the contact information for each committee member here:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/CteeInfo/index.cfm?Code=3&CteeBody=S>

Thank you! We all just want to go home at the end of our shift!