

**NYS Proposed Legislation On Personal Life Safety Rope Systems for Firefighters.
Assembly Bill attached.**

Today, June 18, in the Assembly a bill was introduced to address the issue of the current bail out rope regulation. The Bill is Assembly bill A.9000 and is was introduced by Assemblyman Marc Alessi from the 1st Assembly District, Suffolk County.

The bill would allow the NYS Department of Labor to work with fire departments to use more than just bail out ropes to achieve firefighter safety for above grade evolutions. Also in March of 2009 NFPA announced that the NFPA 1983 standard couldn't be used to determine how to create bail out systems. The current law specifies the 1983 standard A.9000 says that any equipment we use should be national standards (which of course is the norm for fire departments anyway.)

Session is going to end next week, and we have a real opportunity to achieve a change to allow the Department of Labor to create a very reasonable standard for all fire departments that isn't limited to just bail out ropes.

You are strongly urged to contact your Assembly and Senate representatives and have them act on A.9000 as soon as possible, ask them to sign on and ask them to tell their leaders to make this a priority.