

# President's Report November 2009

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**Respectfully Submitted – Dominick Marino, President**

## **Pension Litigation:**

The current date for our lawsuit to be heard in court is: December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**2009 Governor's election: Beginning in January the State of New Jersey has a new Governor, the Governor elect is Christopher Christie.**

**On behalf of the PFANJ I have made contact with the Governor Elect's transition team and are awaiting their response for a meeting. Since the election of the new governor, there have been many articles in the newspapers and various news reports as to what the taxpayers of New Jersey could and should expect.**

**I have attached a few of those articles:**

- **Unfunded mandates key to tax relief – app 11/11/09**
- **Play hardball with all unions – app 11/13/09**
- **Christie confronts daunting challenge – holes in budget must be filled**
- **Christie sends signal to unions**
- **Christie eyes worker givebacks**
- **Report: N.J. fiscal woes 8<sup>th</sup> worst in nation**

## **Swine Flu (H1N1):**

There have been many predictions as to how severe this strain will be. We urge all local leaders to keep updated via numerous websites.

[www.pfanj.org](http://www.pfanj.org)

[www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/flu/index.shtml>

<http://www.iaff.org/09News/PDFs/IOMReport.pdf>

<http://www.iaff.org/et/pandemicflu/drills//01.htm>

<http://www.iaff.org/et/pandemicflu/index.htm?tab=3#TabbedPanels1>

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/qa.htm>

## **LEGISLATION:**

**A list of legislative bills that the PFANJ are tracking is on the website.**

For a complete list of legislative bills you can go on our website ( [www.pfanj.org](http://www.pfanj.org) ) and under governmental affairs print out a copy.

**State Senator Diane Allen (a good friend of the PFANJ) is fighting cancer. The PFANJ extends to her our well wishes.**

**Passing of Robert M. Capuano (Stark and Stark)**

**It is with sadness that we announce that a good friend to the PFANJ and to all firefighters has passed away. Robert was a true champion of firefighter rights when any issue arose from workers compensation. Robert passed suddenly on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>. Wake and funeral arraignments have been posted on the website. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, the family requests memorial donations to:**

**Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association  
1133 Connecticut Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20036**

**IRS and age 50:**

The Service and Treasury intend to amend the NRA regulations to change the effective date for governmental plans to plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. Governmental plan sponsors may rely on this notice with respect to the extension until such time as the NRA regulations are so amended. This extension will provide additional time for the Service and Treasury to consider comments received with respect to the effect of the NRA regulations on governmental plans. Full document is included.

**Important dates and events:**

December 14<sup>th</sup> – PFANJ/FOP Legislative Holiday Gathering 2010  
January 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – IAFF Human Relations conference  
January 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – IAFF Affiliate Leadership Training Summit  
March 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – IAFF Alfred K. Whitehead Legislative Conference  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – IAFF 50<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual Convention

**Included in Novembers packet:**

PFANJ Balance Sheet as of 10/31/09