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Local Government Center claims that cities and towns asked for these programs and behaviors

Time and time again, the Local Government Center (LGC) board members and staff have been publicly quoted as saying that their members (cities and towns) asked for certain programs to be established. They continue to claim that these programs were done at the request of their members and that they demand these programs as a service.

David Lang, President of the Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire has continued looking into this investigation by delving into the law with regard to the creation of a workers compensation risk pool. Under RSA 281-A:11 the legislative body of the member of a community must appropriate the initial money as well as any losses annually.

281-A:11 Self-Insurance for Public Employers. – Any public employer as defined in RSA 281-A:2, IX may, subject to RSA 281-A:5, III and the rules adopted to enforce that section, self-insure for workers' compensation coverage as follows:

I. If a public employer chooses to self-insure for workers' compensation coverage, *the legislative body of that employer shall appropriate sufficient funds to implement a self-insurance program* including, but not limited to, legal costs, benefits, and administrative costs.

III. *Each year, as actuarially determined, the legislative body shall appropriate sufficient funds to create a financial reserve until all outstanding claims are disposed of. If additional funds are needed to increase the loss fund in any given year, the legislative body shall appropriate such funds as are necessary.*

“We took the liberty to ask 31 cities, towns, school districts, and counties for the documentation surrounding the membership request or demand,” (please see attached documents) stated Lang. “So far these communities that have responded to our Right to Know request have stated that no such document has ever existed, nor was such request ever made” continued Lang.

The PFFNH believe that a rogue group of appointed officials have continued to fail to follow New Hampshire law, which has wasted taxpayer dollars. Additionally, they refused to pay the money back when it was requested and continue to waste taxpayer monies by hiring expensive consultants and attorneys in an attempt to explain or justify the flaws and failures of their operations.

“As taxpayers and the ones who appear to be funding this less than legal operation we demand it stop. Follow the law and stop wasting taxpayer dollars. The LGC needs to return the money,” said Lang.

The PFFNH, headquartered in Londonderry, NH represents more than 2,000 active and retired fire fighters and paramedics. More information is available at www.pffnh.org