



# BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE DISTRICT

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State Representative Gary Aubuchon, Chair  
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Lee County Legislative Delegation,

The Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District strongly urges the Legislature to carefully consider and enact meaningful pension reform legislation during the 2011 legislative session.

Local governments in Lee County and throughout Florida are faced with economic challenges of nearly unparalleled proportion in our State's history; of primary concern for many agencies are the rapidly growing costs of government employee pension plans compounded by the monumental decline in tax revenue.

Local governments are severely limited as to their ability to modify governmental pension plans in order to relieve financial obligations incurred by the current laws and restrictions that have been imposed by the legislature. The Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners vigorously urges and fully supports all efforts by the Legislature to enact meaningful changes to the State pension systems that will facilitate reasonable benefits that are realistically sustainable for local agencies and governments.

Sincerely,  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Chairman Edward P. FitzGerald,