

Submitter: Cheryl Smith

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3350

As the former secretary for the Crane RFPA, I support HB 3350 & HB 3349. The RFPA's are a vital part of our rural communities. None of us are paid and don't expect to be. The RFPA's mission is truly "neighbors helping neighbors". The biggest problem in recent years has been aging and depleted equipment especially communications. Crane's RFPA is small budget with membership dues, grants and donations being what they rely on for ongoing fire suppression. Crane covers a large area of land mass with a varied topography which adds to the wear and tear on the equipment. These bills would go a long way in helping fund this great organization in their ongoing efforts to help a neighbor suppress a fire whether it be public or private land. I urge you to pass HB 3350 & HB 3349. Thank you