

New law allows a fire protection district, a municipal fire department or a volunteer fire department to expend public funds in connection with the following activities:

1. The purchase of a plaque, trophy, certificate, medal or similar memento to acknowledge outstanding achievement or valiant act of personnel not to exceed \$100 dollars.
2. Meals and snacks or refreshments for firefighters involved in fire department related meetings, workshops, training programs, or performing emergency services not to exceed \$25 per person.
3. The provisions of new law will not be construed to prohibit or restrict the use of public funds to pay or defray the reasonable expenses of travel and lodging required for attendance at any conference or convention for the purpose of educating or training fire department personnel with regard to their public duties and responsibilities.

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