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## Valley Legislators Meet with Public Works Commissioner on New Valley Fire Training School Project



### *DPW Commissioner Curtis Agrees to Make Construction of Facility a Priority Project*

Hartford - **Senator Joseph Crisco (D-Woodbridge)** and **Representatives Linda Gentile (D-Ansonia, Themis Klarides (R-Derby), and Lawrence Miller (R-Stratford-Shelton)** met with Department of Public

Works (DPW) Commissioner Raeanne V. Curtis to discuss plans for a site in Beacon Falls to build the new Valley Fire Training School. **Representative Jason Perillo (R-Shelton)** was also represented at the meeting by a member of his staff.

Originally there was a site in Oxford to build the facility but because of several unanticipated delays, the property was sold. Now another site is being considered in Beacon Falls. The members of the delegation said they were pleased with the results of the meeting because Commissioner Curtis agreed to make the site selection and the construction of the fire training school a priority project.

“This is an important public safety issue. The decision by Commissioner Curtis to consider the site selection and building the fire training school a priority in Beacon Falls is a step in the right direction,” said **Senator Crisco**. “This facility is critically needed to train volunteer firefighters and to provide them with the necessary certification that will allow them to perform their duties in the region.”

“The new regional facility will provide the best possible training for new firefighters who will be serving with valley departments. They will be trained by top professional firefighters from around the state. We’ve been without a training school for a number of years and we hope Commissioner Curtis will make construction of this new facility one of her top priorities,” **Representative Miller** said.

“I’m very encouraged by the meeting we had with Commissioner Curtis and her staff. It’s clear to me that they understand that this is an important public safety issue and just how important this is for our community,” said **Representative Gentile**.

“As everyone knows, the services firefighters provide to Connecticut and the rest of the country are invaluable and we need to do everything as a state to provide them with the necessary tools to allow them to do their job as best they can,” said **Representative Klarides**.