

# SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 1002

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1002.

This bill requires the Domestic Security Preparedness Planning Group to include a representative of the New Jersey State First Aid Council. The council is a nonprofit organization which represents the interests of member volunteer first aid and rescue squads throughout the State.

The New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Act was enacted to reinforce and expand New Jersey's existing anti-terrorism efforts by enhancing and integrating federal, State, county, and local security planning and preparedness measures. A provision of this law established the Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force, which is responsible for coordinating and supervising all activities relating to the State's preparedness for terrorist attacks. The law also established the Domestic Security Preparedness Planning Group in the Department of Law and Public Safety to assist the task force with its duties and to develop a coordinated plan for preparing for, responding to, mitigating the effects of, and recovering from acts of terrorism.

Current members of the planning group include: the Director of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management; the Adjutant General of Military and Veterans' Affairs; the Secretary of Agriculture; the Commissioners of Community Affairs, Corrections, Environmental Protection, Health and Senior Services, Human Services, and Transportation; the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation; the State Treasurer; the New Jersey State Medical Examiner; the President of the Board of Public Utilities; and representatives of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, the New Jersey County Emergency Management Coordinators Association, the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association, and the New Jersey State Police Chiefs Association. Under the bill, a representative of the New Jersey State First Aid Council would be added to the planning group.