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## Legislator Aney Paul to Lead Discussion on *"Length of Service Award Program"* for Career Volunteer Firefighters

Recent State Comptroller Audit Finds Many Firefighters are not  
Receiving Proper Service Points Due to Miscalculations by Department

**New City, NY (April 9, 2015)** – Rockland County Legislator Aney Paul is sponsoring a discussion concerning the "Length of Service Award Program" (LOSAP), a pension-like benefit program that many local fire districts choose to offer to volunteer firefighters to facilitate recruitment and retention. The discussion will take place at the upcoming meeting of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee that is chaired by Vice Chairman of the Legislature Jay Hood, Jr.

LOSAP provides volunteers a financial reward based upon their length of service and is disbursed when the volunteer reaches "entitlement age" which is typically between 55 to 67 years of age. According to a very recent audit by the NYS Comptroller, many firefighters are losing service credit points because their department's office isn't computing them correctly. The report indicated that many offices are not aware of the full range and eligibility that firefighters have; namely, how many points each can receive, how often over the course of a year they can receive them. As a result, in most cases, the audit found that firefighters weren't getting all they were qualified to receive (a small number actually received too much).

Fire officials and volunteers from departments across the county have been invited to attend the meeting.

The Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Legislature's chambers, 11 New Hempstead Rd., New City, NY. Committee meetings held by the Rockland County Legislature are open to the public and attendance is encouraged. To obtain further information on this or any other committee agenda, please visit [www.rocklandgov.com](http://www.rocklandgov.com), click on County Legislature and follow link to Committee Agendas. All agendas are subject to change.

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