

## Exhibit D

# Expanding Pension Eligibility to Emergency Medical Personnel

### Topic:

Last year, the Working Group began discussing whether to expand eligibility for relief association service pensions to volunteer emergency medical personnel who solely perform medical services, subject to local approval. The majority of calls that most fire departments receive are medical.

Optional changes are provided below that permit emergency medical personnel to be members of the associated volunteer fire relief association and to be eligible for service pensions and other benefits from the association if authorized in the bylaws of the relief association and approved by the municipality.

### Optional Changes:

#### **424A.01 MEMBERSHIP IN A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS RELIEF ASSOCIATION.**

Subd. 6. Volunteer emergency medical personnel. If the fire department employs or otherwise uses the services of persons solely as volunteer emergency medical personnel to perform emergency medical response duties and to supervise emergency medical response activities, such persons are eligible to be members of the applicable volunteer firefighter relief association and to qualify for service pension or other benefit coverage of the relief association on the same basis as fire department personnel who perform or supervise fire suppression or fire prevention duties, if the bylaws of the relief association so authorize and subject to approval by the municipality if the fire department is a municipal department, subject to approval by the joint powers board if the fire department is a joint powers entity, or subject to approval by the contracting municipality or municipalities if the fire department is an independent nonprofit firefighting corporation.

[Note: Insert before current subdivision 6. Renumber current subdivision 6 to be subdivision 7.]