



## NYPD FDNY Superior Officers Alliance Tier 6 Position Paper

The Superior Officers Alliance represents over 15,000 sergeants, detectives, lieutenants, supervising fire marshals, medical officers, captains and chiefs in the New York City Police and Fire Departments. The following is our united position on the current Tier 6 legislation:

- The Tier 6 legislation affecting New York City Police and Fire Department superior officers does not belong in the NY State Budget.
- A Joint Legislative Committee should be seated to study and recommend what pension reform should be enacted.
- The committee should examine and debunk the myths and inaccuracies regarding the sustainability of public pensions in the media and printed press.
- To date no serious discussions regarding pension reform have taken place under Mayor Bloomberg’s administration, although he has been requested on numerous occasions over the past three years. We recognize the need for change and we are and have been willing to sit down and talk.
- Police officers and firefighters are *not* better than other city workers, but we are different. We put our lives on the line every tour of duty we work and should be treated differently pension wise.
- The Superior Officers Alliance is requesting the Governor and the Legislature to inject a measure of fairness and respect into this process that could negatively affect the lives of our future police and fire officers. What we are asking for is consideration in the form of substantive discussion in order to reach a mutually acceptable pension benefit for our members.

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