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Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street  
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Dear Legislatures,

I wanted to help the people in my community so in 1972, I joined the Bushnell's Basin Volunteer Fire Dept. in the Town of Perinton, NY, I was a junior at Fairport High School, six months after I joined the dept. I was struck by a car while directing traffic to a fire. I suffered two broken legs, broken back, fractured skull, permanent nerve damage, numerous internal injuries, plus was in Acoma for three and a half weeks.

I'm total permanent disabled from my in the line-of-duty injuries but still am able to man the base radio at the Victor Volunteer Fire Dept. I love helping my community and believe everyone should to the best of their ability. I have never been able to work to support myself. I am struggling to help support my family on Social Security Disability.

November of 1990 the United States Justice Dept. established the Public Safety Officer Disability benefit which gives any total permanent disabled public safety officer a monetary award. Because I was injured in 1972, I am unable to collect this benefit.

I realize that I don't live in Erie County but I need your help, my thought is that if I can garner enough support from as many County Governments in New York to be grandfathered into this Federal Benefit, the better.

My request is that the Niagara County Legislature adopt a Memorializing Resolution in support of Congressman Chris Collins and Senator Chuck Schumer to assist me in being grandfathered into the Public Safety Officer Disability Benefit

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to hearing from you,

Respectfully,



T. Michael Nicholson

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