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Georgia State Firefighters Association Names Senator John Albers 2026 Legislator of the Year

Roswell, GA — The Georgia State Firefighters Association (GSFA) announces that Senator John Albers has been selected as the 2026 Legislator of the Year in recognition of his significant commitment to Georgia's fire service, consistent support of firefighters, and leadership in advancing policies that strengthen fire protection throughout the State of Georgia.

During his tenure in the Georgia General Assembly, Senator Albers has consistently advocated for public safety and emergency services. His initiatives to support fire departments, enhance emergency response capabilities, and promote legislation benefiting firefighters and their communities have earned recognition from fire service professionals statewide.

"Senator Albers has consistently demonstrated a deep understanding of the critical role firefighters play in protecting the lives and property of Georgia's citizens," said Chief Mike Byrd, President of the Georgia State Firefighters Association. "His leadership and dedication to enhancing fire protection, investing in public safety, and supporting the men and women of the fire service have made a lasting impact on communities throughout Georgia. We are honored to recognize him as our 2026 Legislator of the Year."

As chairman of a key legislative committee, the Senate public safety committee, Senator Albers is recognized as a leading voice on public safety issues. He has advanced initiatives to improve emergency preparedness, strengthen firefighter resources, and ensure Georgia's fire departments have the tools needed to address current challenges. His commitment to collaborative leadership has fostered strong partnerships among state policymakers, local governments, and public safety organizations.

Senator Albers' support has contributed to initiatives that enhance firefighter training, improve emergency response infrastructure, promote community risk reduction, and ensure that public safety agencies are equipped to serve Georgia's expanding population.

The Georgia State Firefighters Association represents thousands of firefighters and fire service professionals statewide and remains committed to advocating for the health, safety, training, and professional development of Georgia's fire service community.

The 2026 Legislator of the Year Award was presented to him on July 8, 2026, in his district at the Roswell Fire Department.

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