

# News from Your State Senator **Joe Crisco**



## **Funding for the Valley Regional Fire Training School**

I'm pleased to report that funding for the Naugatuck Valley Regional Fire Training School has been approved. The funds will be used for design services for the new facility, which will be located in Beacon Falls on property made available through funds I helped to secure in 2010. Firefighters from Derby, as well as from eight other towns in the region, will benefit from training in emerging firefighting techniques and homeland defense initiatives. This funding represents an investment in public safety by ensuring the preparedness of regional fire departments and also by serving as an important recruitment tool for future firefighters.

## **Hearing from Our Senior Citizens**

I was pleased to welcome many seniors from Derby and other towns in the area to my annual Senior Fair at Warsaw Park in Ansonia last October.

The fair provides information and services to assist seniors in all aspects of life, including health care, diet and financial services. My brief conversations with seniors throughout the day led to my interest in creating more opportunities to learn directly from seniors about their needs and concerns. I find that, thanks to advances in medicine, seniors are living long after retirement, and states must be prepared to deal with rapidly increasing aging populations and their needs.

I will be visiting seniors centers across the 17th District in the coming months and invite Derby seniors to participate in a **Round-Table Discussion** at the **Derby Senior Citizens Center** in April.

If you would like more information, please contact my office at **860-240-0189**.

## **Improving School Security: Bradley and Irving Schools, Derby High School and Middle School**

All four schools in Derby will benefit from state funding to assist with security infrastructure upgrades. The funding is part of a program to improve safety in schools across the state. The program reimburses towns for certain expenses related to improving or developing infrastructure, training personnel and purchasing new equipment.

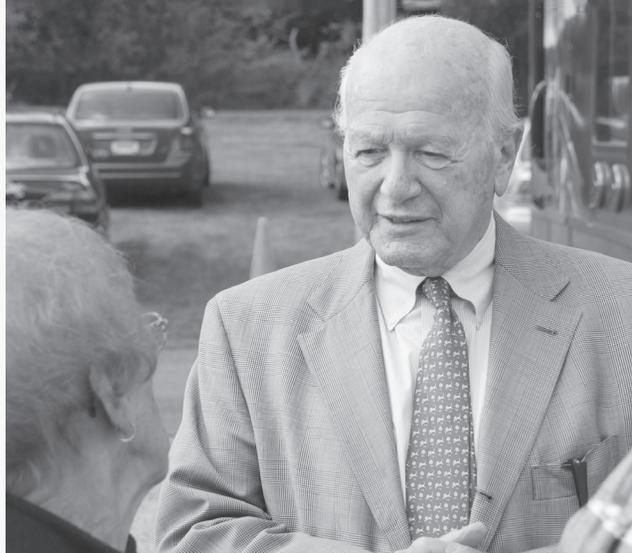




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