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MN STATE CAPITOL ROOM 316

**DUTY-DISABLED FIRST RESPONDERS, LEGISLATORS URGE
EVERYONE TO SLOW DOWN WITH LEGISLATION THAT WILL HARM
INJURED FIRST RESPONDERS**

(PERA DISABILITY OVERHAUL- HF 1234/SF 1959)

4/26/23 - MNDDA will be holding a press conference in Room 316 of the MN State Capitol, Tuesday, 5/2 at 9am. We will be joined by State Senators and Representatives that oppose these bills, and hear from first responders that will be devastated if these bills pass.

In their careers, these men and women made a promise to protect the community, and in return the State of Minnesota made a promise to take care of them if they got hurt. They did get hurt, and had to leave the careers they loved, and to which they dedicated their lives.

Now PERA and some members of the legislature are trying to break that promise.

The bills will retroactively punish the most vulnerable population of first responders, without having included them in the discussion process. Many of these first responders will have their income severely cut if this legislation were to pass.

The effects of these bills go beyond what will happen to the retirees; the bills will affect the general public, and deter anyone from wanting to join the already-depleted ranks of police, fire, and medical professionals.

No one can tell these stories better than the people that will be affected by it. Hear them speak. Hear the legislators that oppose these bills speak. The MNDDA will take questions at the end of the press conference.

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