

## **Emailed to General Law Committee Members on 3/7/24**



Good morning Members of the Committee: Our first responders put their lives on the line for us every day. As you consider legislation that will make their dangerous jobs even more dangerous (section 4 of SB 3), please listen to what they have to say about it in the hearing testimony excerpt below.

Thank you for your consideration – Jennifer Yoxall, Co-Chair

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Time marks in red show where each person’s testimony starts on the link above.

**Mark Gentile, Deputy Chief, Rocky Hill Fire department: 00:03**

**Donald Janelle, Deputy Chief, Manchester Emergency Management and Co-Chair CT Municipal UAV Task Force: 14:50**

**Michael Shabenas, Chief, Dayville (Killingly) Fire District: 21:45**

**Christopher Vanghele, Chief, Plainville Police Department: 28:00**

**Peter Swanson, UAS Coordinator, East Hartford Fire: 32:21**

**Jennifer Yoxall, Co-Chair CT Municipal UAV Task Force: 40:22**

## **Emailed to General Law Committee Members on 3/2/24**

SB 3 - First Responder Testimony - CT Municipal UAV Task Force



Good afternoon Members of the General Law Committee: The attached testimony was submitted on behalf of our state’s first responders in opposition to Section 4 of SB 3 banning purchase and use of Chinese-made drones. Please take the time to learn how this section will drastically limit our first responders’ ability to protect our state. And please note that **providing more time for compliance will not address the significant impacts to public safety** this bill will create. The attached testimony was provided by the following:

Police Chiefs Association

Mark Gentile, Deputy Chief – Rocky Hill Fire Department

Donald Janelle, Deputy Emergency Management Director – Manchester Emergency Management (and Co-Chair CT Municipal UAV Task Force)

Brett Johnson, Patrol Captain – Torrington Police Department

Kyle Johnson, Sergeant – Torrington Police Department

John Marenholz, Detective – Southington Police Department

Michael Shabenas, Chief – Dayville Fire Department

Pete Swanson, UAS Coordinator – East Hartford Fire Department

Christopher Vanghele, Chief of Police – Plainville Police Department

Jennifer Yoxall, Co-Chair – Connecticut Municipal UAV Task Force

Thank you for your consideration of this extremely important issue – Jennifer Yoxall, Co-Chair, Connecticut Municipal UAV Task Force [www.ctmuts.org](http://www.ctmuts.org)