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Boyle announces measure to help emergency natural gas responders

I have introduced legislation that would expand the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act to provide a one-time payment of death benefits to the surviving spouse, minor children, or parents of a natural gas responder killed in the line of duty. Currently the law only covers firefighters, law enforcement officers and other emergency responders.

Last session, I introduced and the House passed the bill creating the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act. My bill to add natural gas employees is also modeled after those bills.

The legislation is in response to the death of Mark Keeley, a Philadelphia Gas Works employee who lost his life in January while responding to a natural gas leak in the Tacony section of Philadelphia.

This young man lost his life while working to protect the public from harm. This explosion is a clear reminder of the dangers gas workers face every day they report to work. One way we can honor Mark Keeley is by giving natural gas workers and their families better protections in the event of a tragedy.



Boyle legislation would ban public employees convicted of sex crimes from collecting retirement benefits

I am introducing legislation that would prohibit state employees who are convicted of or plead guilty to felony sex crimes from collecting additional pension benefits.

Under this proposal, any state official or state employee who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a crime that requires Megan's Law registration would lose all rights to retirement or other benefit payments.

Recently, the *Philadelphia Daily News* reported that former public employees who have been convicted of felonies, including sex crimes against children, are still permitted to collect pensions.

Public officials and public employees are entrusted to serve the best interests of the citizens of the Commonwealth. Committing a sex crime is a direct breach of the public's trust.

Under current Pennsylvania law, public officials and public employees who are convicted of or plead guilty to any crime related to public office or public employment lose all rights to retirement or other benefits or payments. However, there are no provisions regarding loss of retirement or other benefit payments for public officials or public employees who commit felony sex crimes.



Boyle attends policy briefing at White House

On June 17, I attended a policy briefing held at the White House for 200 young elected officials from throughout the nation.

Attendees visited the White House to meet with President Barack Obama and talk with administration officials.

Elected officials were able to discuss their concerns about issues including the economy, immigration, health care and education with highly placed administration officials, including Council of Economic Advisors Chairman Austan Goolsbee, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan and Chief Technology Officer Aneesh Chopra. The elected officials then attended a reception with President Obama.

My offices can help you!

- Free notary services
- Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Birth and death certificates
- Problems with the Department of Public Welfare (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies

Boyle's Breast Cancer Screening Day a success

On July 12, the Fox Chase Mobile Mammography Van parked in front of my office on Bustleton Avenue.

The mobile care center provided free breast cancer screenings to 35 women.



Rep. Boyle and his wife, Jennifer, participate in the Rockledge Fourth of July parade.



Rep. Boyle awards the 7th PDAC Officer of the Year Presentation to officer William Killian in May.



Rep. Boyle helps with the ribbon cutting at a rededication ceremony for the Fox Chase SEPTA Regional Rail Station in May.



Rep. Boyle held three Family Movie Night events for constituents this summer. The first was held on July 27 at Boyle Playground, where constituents enjoyed a free screening of *Never Say Never*. The second was held on Aug. 1 at Gifford Playground, where constituents enjoyed a free screening of *Toy Story 3*. The third was held on Aug. 23 at Junod Playground, where constituents enjoyed a free screening of *Despicable Me*.



Rep. Boyle participated in the NEO Youth Sports Opening Day on April 9 at Burholme Park. Boyle threw out the first pitch and talked with constituents and wished the kids good luck in their season.



Rep. Boyle speaks at the City Year-CSX Boyle Playground Tree Planting in May.



Rep. Boyle participates in the March of Dimes walk held at Baldi Middle School in April.

Boyle participates in government transparency roundtable

On July 12, I attended the *ResponsibilityWorks 2nd Annual Government & Industry Roundtable* in Washington, D.C.

This roundtable brings together leaders of companies, government agencies, nonprofits, and academia who are committed to improving transparency and responsibility among government contractors. The roundtable discussions focused on ways to help the government and the public more effectively hold companies accountable in areas such as governance, ethics, sustainability, human rights, employee relations, philanthropy and financial performance.

The mission of the roundtable is to advance corporate responsibility practices and disclosure in the government contractor community.

Socks for Shelters

My office is now a receiving center for Socks for Shelters! Socks for Shelters is a local youth-run organization that collects socks for distribution to the homeless and others in need. Please feel free to drop off new pairs of socks at the receptacles in my Somerton or Burholme offices. For more information or to request a brochure, please feel free to call or stop in to either of my district offices.



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Constituent Service Offices

As always, please feel free to visit or call either of my constituent service offices for help with any state-related issue, as well as free notary services.

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Property Tax/Rent Rebate application deadline extended

You still have time to apply for the 2010 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. The application deadline has been extended from June 30 to Dec. 31, 2011.

Applications for senior citizens and other qualifying residents are available through my constituent service offices.

This program provides state rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2010 to eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older; widows and widowers 50 or older; and people with disabilities 18 or older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, with half

of Social Security, Supplemental Security or federal Railroad Retirement Tier I income being excluded.

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975.

All residents who received rebates last year should have received applications in the mail.

Applications are available now through my office at 7215 B Rising Sun Ave. or 14230 Bustleton Ave. Feel free to call or stop by for an application and/or assistance in filling out the application.