



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS®

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Harold A. Schaitberger, General President  
International Association of Fire Fighters  
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Dear Harold,

When I ran for reelection in 2008, I fully intended to perform my duties as General Secretary-Treasurer through 2012. Unfortunately, recent health issues are taking its toll and making it more difficult for me to dedicate 100 percent to this job.

At this time, it is with deep regret I retire as General Secretary-Treasurer effective January 15, 2010. You, Mr. President, our Executive Board, our staff and the entire membership, deserve a full-time officer. I have always believed when I entered the fire service I would always leave the job better than it was when I started. I feel it is now time to pass that torch to someone who can dedicate full-time service to our Union as the General Secretary-Treasurer. This is why I take this action now.

It has been my honor and privilege to work with you, the officers, members and the entire staff of our great organization. As an IAFF member for over 50 years and as General Secretary-Treasurer for over 21 years, I am truly blessed to have had the privilege of being a "firefighter" and an IAFF officer.

It's been a great ride!

Sincerely & fraternally,

Vincent J. Bollon  
General Secretary-Treasurer

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