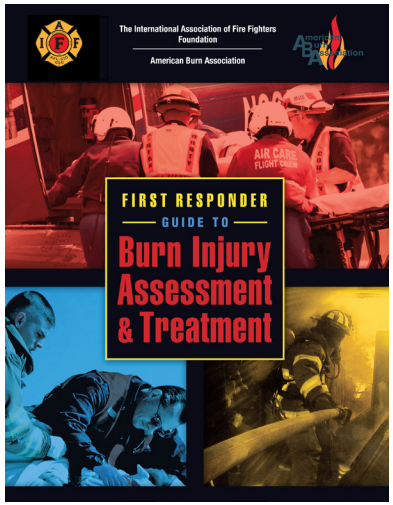
FIRST RESPONDER GUIDE TO BURN INJURY ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT

The IAFF Burn Fund, in partnership with the American Burn Association, developed this manual to provide fire fighters and emergency medical personnel with the basic training and knowledge necessary to effectively assist those who have suffered a burn injury or cold exposure. This manual provides a comprehensive, general overview of burn and trauma injuries.



FIRE FIGHTER PEER SUPPORT

To support burn-injured IAFF members and their families on their path to healing and recovery, the IAFF Foundation partnered with the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors SOAR (Survivors Offering Assistance in Recovery), which offers one-on-one, confidential virtual support from a trained fire fighter peer supporter and helps connect those facing burn injuries with fire fighters and family members who have been through the experience.

IAFF District Burn Coordinators at the annual American Burn Association meeting.

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Helping Heal Bodies, Hearts, and Souls

OUR MISSION

From tragedy to recovery, the IAFF Foundation's Burn Fund upholds the long-standing tradition of supporting IAFF members, their families, and their communities affected by burn trauma. We dedicate resources to help organize, facilitate, and support IAFF members' efforts and participation in burn prevention, awareness, fire safety, burn care, research, and survivor support activities while improving the quality of life for burn survivors across the United States and Canada.

BURN INJURY ASSISTANCE

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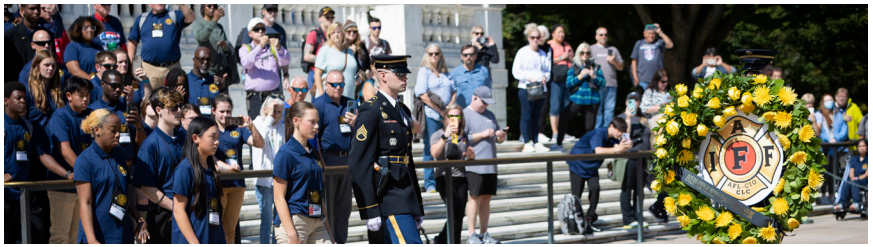
The IAFF Burn Fund provides emergency financial assistance to IAFF members who suffer a significant burn injury requiring admission to a burn center. This support helps ease the burden of travel, food, and hotel expenses. Assistance may be awarded for temporary emergency expenses when an IAFF member or a member of their immediate family (spouse and children) suffers a burn injury requiring admission to a burn center.

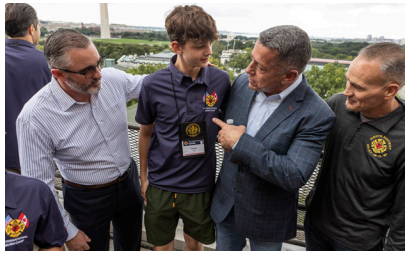
DISTRICT BURN COORDINATORS

The IAFF established the District Burn Coordinator positions in 2008 at the 49th IAFF Convention to enhance collaboration and provide leadership across all affiliate Locals within its 16 districts. Each burn coordinator works under the direction of their District Vice President to support IAFF members and their families affected by burn trauma. They play a crucial role in:

- Burn care education
- Burn center partnerships
- Burn survivor support
- Research development
- Advocacy for the IAFF
- Member Assistance

IAFF campers participate in the Wreath Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.





LEFT: Dustin Hawkins, Burn Survivor, Indian River County, FL Local 2201 | ABOVE: General President Edward Kelly, 3rd District Vice President Jay Colbert, and General Secretary-Treasurer Frank Líma welcome campers to IAFF headquarters in Washington, D.C.

INTERNATIONAL BURN CAMP

The Burn Fund's signature event, the International Burn Camp, is held annually just outside of Washington, D.C. This all-expenses-paid, week-long camp and leadership summit provides a life-changing experience for burn survivors aged 14–16 and the dedicated camp counselors who strive to make a difference in their lives. The camp helps teenage burn survivors realize they are not alone and that a larger support network is available to them.

The IAFF collaborates with over 50 regional burn camps across the U.S. and Canada to select campers and counselors who exhibit good citizenship among their peers and display leadership skills. At the end of their summer camps, each participating camp nominates a camper and counselor to attend the IAFF camp together.

The volunteer staff, comprised of IAFF fire fighters, burn nurses, and behavioral health specialists, focuses on helping the young attendees recognize the leadership and strength they already exhibit in their lives as they navigate high school and begin to think about college and careers.

UNDERSTANDING BURN CARE: BURN CARE MADE SIMPLE

"The Right Care, The Right Time, The Right Place." **Understandingburncare.org** is an online resource offering comprehensive information and tools from burn and fire organizations across North America. The website brings together, in one central library, tools for burn prevention, treatment, and recovery, specifically designed for burn survivors, families, and fire fighters.