IAFF ACTIVE-RETIRED MEMBERSHIP

As a retired IAFF member, you already know the importance of engaged union membership. In order for you – as a retired career fire fighter or paramedic – to maintain an active membership status in the IAFF, you must convert to an **active-retired member status.**

The IAFF continues fighting to protect and enhance the lives of our retirees, which cannot be done without an engaged active-retired membership.

As an active-retired member, you will continue to have access to all IAFF benefits and services provided to active members, including:



POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE DIVISION
The IAFF lobbies the Canadian Government to advance a wide range of issues that benefit our profession now and in the future.

IAFF FINANCIAL CORPORATION (IAFF-FC)
The IAFF-FC offers group home & auto insurance, life insurance, travel insurance and wealth financial planning to Canadian IAFF members in partnership with TD Insurance.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)
Overseen by the IAFF Chief Medical Officer, the MAP provides research and medical expert testimony presented during appeals, subpoenas, depositions, trials, and/or tribunals, etc.

DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS
Available to members who are displaced from their homes as a result of a disaster.

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION TREATMENT
In partnership with EHN Canada, IAFF members are eligible for a range of mental health and addiction treatment services at preferred rates.

FOUNDATION
Supporting members and their families in times of need.

PEER SUPPORT TRAINING
Developing and delivering curriculum to members on approaching a member of concern, establishing trust and confidentiality, providing support, etc.

BURN FUND
Assisting members and immediate family members who suffer a severe burn injury.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING
In-person and online classes on a wide range of topics, including continuing and secondary education opportunities.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, SAFETY, AND MEDICINE DIVISION
Experts and resources in illness/disease, occupational cancer awareness and prevention, behavioural health, safe staffing, health/wellness, building codes, etc.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT
Several policies designed to assist affiliates and members with legal actions.

INTERNATIONAL FIRE FIGHTER MAGAZINE
Providing important news and mailed three times a year to all active-retired members.

ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND IAFF EVENTS
Including Legislative Conference (U.S. and Canada), Convention, etc.

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MOST RECENT IAFF WINS FOR ACTIVE-RETIRED MEMBERS

PENSION REFORM

In response to IAFF lobbying, the Government of Canada amended the federal *Income Tax Act* regulations to specify that fire fighters can benefit from an increased pension accrual rate of 2.33%.

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK ON CANCERS LINKED TO FIREFIGHTING

IAFF advocacy led to the enactment of Bill C-224 and the establishment of the National Framework on Cancers Linked to Firefighting with $12.29 million in funding from Health Canada to support research, data collection and other measures to reduce cancer's impact on those who have served in our profession.

NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON PTSI FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

The IAFF successfully lobbied Parliament to implement a comprehensive federal plan that would provide fire fighters and their families with mental health support, including transition and post-service support. The federal government has invested more than $30 million to date in first responder mental health aid.

RECENT PROVINCIAL VICTORIES

JULY 2025 (ONTARIO)

Amendments to *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act* expanding coverage for kidney and colorectal cancers in fire fighters with retroactivity to include diagnoses made on or after January 1, 1960.

OCTOBER 2026 (MANITOBA)

Manitoba's Premier has created a historic new ministerial role to address key first responder issues. The new Minister Responsible for First Responder Initiatives will work to strengthen mental health support, presumptive cancer coverage and more for fire fighters – and could serve as a model for other provinces.

If you need assistance in contacting your Local, or converting your IAFF membership from active to active-retired, visit **iaff.org/join** or email **join@iaff.org**.