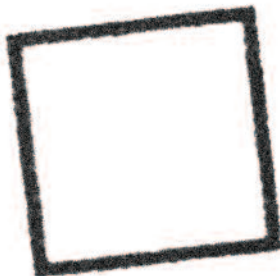
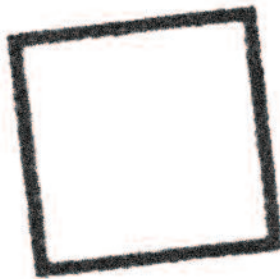


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IAFF 9th District Vice President Randall Atkinson — Rest in Peace

As this issue was going to press, the IAFF was notified of the death of IAFF 9th District Vice President Randall Atkinson. This is a very sad and profound loss for Randy's family, including his brothers and sisters throughout his District and the entire IAFF membership. He dedicated his entire life to protecting the profession that he felt so strongly about and worked tirelessly to protect IAFF members in his District. On behalf of the entire IAFF Executive Board, our thoughts and prayers are extended to everyone who was touched by Randy's life. More details on the life and work of DVP Atkinson will be published online at www.iaff.org and in the next edition of this magazine.



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CORRECTIONS:

• In the July-August issue of the International Fire Fighter, the trustee elections were unintentionally omitted from the story, "Delegates Decide Leadership," on page 13. We apologize for the omission.

• In the July-August edition of the International Fire Fighter, Peter J. Voynovich Sr., a member of Welland, ON Local 481, was incorrectly listed as Richard J. Voynovich Sr. in Last Alarm on page 39.



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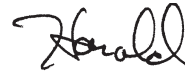
In Their Own Words

With each issue of the magazine, this is an opportunity for me to offer my views on issues important to our members. There are incredibly important elections in the United States in a matter of days, but you already know what I think about the elections and the candidates running for those important offices, and this month I have decided to step aside.

I want you to hear the voices of our membership and

leadership all across the country at the grassroots level. I want you to know what their concerns are and what they're thinking about. So much is at stake. That's why it's important to hear what your brothers and sisters have to say on some of the major issues affecting them.

Stay safe, and God bless you.




Harold A. Schaitberger

SAFER and Public Safety

"He says we need more firemen, more policemen, more teachers, did he not get the message in Wisconsin?"

— Mitt Romney, June 8 speech in Council Bluffs, Iowa, speaking about President Obama

Pat Devaney, president, Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois:

"In his own words, Mitt Romney doesn't believe we need more fire fighters, he doesn't believe we need more police officers, he doesn't believe we need more teachers. And I'm certain that he wouldn't vote for or support any effort to make sure that we have the resources necessary to do our jobs and protect our communities."

Joel Fassbinder, president, Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters:

"Would Mitt Romney support the SAFER Act? Absolutely not. I believe, in his words, that SAFER grants would be one of the first things he abolishes in his term. He has done so through his actions in Massachusetts by torturing the fire fighters there and all the gains that they have tried to make in safer working environments, and we would expect nothing less of him in Montana. We're at probably the biggest crossroads in our careers individually and collectively. This is where we must stand together. Otherwise we'll see the attacks our grandparents saw back in their time repeat themselves all over again."

Brad Walker, president, Rockford, IL, Local 413:

"The SAFER grant brought fire fighters back or brought fire fighters into communities that didn't have them. Belvidere is a community close to us where the SAFER grant is going to give them two more fire fighters, and when you have 12 fire fighters total, two added is a big deal. So additional fire fighters, bringing back fire fighters that cities don't have... that's safety and that's important to me."

Gary Rainey, president, Florida Professional Firefighters:

"Mitt Romney has already gone on record that he would oppose any grants to local government. That would include both SAFER grants and the FIRE Act grants that provide equipment for fire departments. So I have no doubt that if he was elected president that we would see the end of those programs and what they have meant to fire departments in Florida."

Collective Bargaining

"I support [Issue] 2 and Governor [John] Kasich's effort to restrict collective bargaining in the ways he's described, so I fully support that."

— Mitt Romney, October 26, 2011, Fairfax, Virginia, campaign stop

"And of course, your great governor, what a hero he is. Scott Walker."

— Mitt Romney, March 31, 2012, Pewaukee, Wisconsin, to the Republican Party of Waukesha County, Wisconsin

"I would not support an expansion of collective bargaining rights for public employees."

— Mitt Romney, in a written response to a Fraternal Order of Police questionnaire

Frank Szabo, president, Cleveland, OH Local 93:

"Governor Romney came to the state of Ohio and said 'I am with Governor Kasich's Issue 2... 110 percent.' He didn't hide it. He's made it very clear he's not the candidate for working Ohioans."

Daniel Crow, president, Mansfield, OH Local 266:

"Mitt Romney has openly come out against some of the issues that are most important to us as fire fighters. In Ohio he supported Governor Kasich and his agenda. He came here during our Issue 2 battle and said he was 100 percent for it. He's for stripping bargaining rights from public employees and private sector employees all across the United States and he'd be really bad for the middle class."

Gaye Jordan, president, Dayton, OH Local 136:

"Mitt Romney is philosophically aligned with Governor Kasich. Mitt Romney has said that he would like to see the nation as a Right-to-Work nation, which would get rid of collective bargaining rights throughout the country. He also came into the state of Ohio when we were fighting Issue 2 and was 110 percent in support of Issue 2 and eliminating the collective bargaining rights of fire fighters, teachers, public workers and police officers. So, Mitt Romney is scary. He is someone that will take the principles and philosophies that we've seen and that we've fought against in Ohio and with Governor Kasich and put those on a national level."

Pay and Benefits

"...we will stop the unfairness of government workers getting better pay and benefits than the taxpayers they serve."

— Mitt Romney, April 24, 2012, Manchester, New Hampshire

Randy Wyse, president, Jacksonville, FL Local 122:

"Mitt Romney has made public statements that he would like to get rid of pensions for public sector employees. He's another one that I don't think connects to the middle class."

Walt Dix, president, Broward County, FL Local 4321:

"I would compare Mitt Romney to Governor Rick Scott, a CEO... multi-millionaire. Mitt Romney does not connect with the working middle class. He doesn't understand what our needs and concerns are, nor does he support public sector employees, collective bargaining or the right to have a pension."

Chuck Sullivan, member, Champaign, IL Local 1260:

"I don't think Mitt Romney relates well to us at all. The average fire fighter is middle class. He really has no idea what it takes to be a fire fighter, let alone to be part of a working middle class family. I think he would actually prefer to pay fire fighters minimum wage with no benefits."

Andrew Rigsbee, president, Springfield, OH Local 333:

"This life is not about just surviving. If it were simply that, we wouldn't be having this discussion. We don't want to simply survive in this country, we want to prosper... Everybody wants to do well. But under Governor Romney, a very small percentage of the people will do well and everybody else will just survive."

Support Those Who Support Us

"I like being able to fire people that provide services to me."

— Mitt Romney, January 9, 2012, Nashua, New Hampshire

Mike Cambiano, president, Kansas City, MO Local 42:

"If you don't elect friends, you end up with people who want to do you harm. You end up with a mindset that doesn't understand, appreciate or represent our values."

Massachusetts

"I fought against long odds in a deep blue state, but I was a severely conservative Republican governor."

— Mitt Romney, February 10, 2012, at the Conservative Political Action Conference

While he was governor of Massachusetts, Romney:

- Was the only governor never to meet with the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts
- Wanted to replace pensions with 401(k)s
- Insisted on eliminating collective bargaining and civil service benefits for Springfield fire fighters as

part of a necessary municipal budget bailout

- Used a line item veto to eliminate \$2 million to replace a firehouse destroyed at the site of the Worcester Cold Storage warehouse fire
- Pushed through regulations to privatize ambulance service
- Used a line item veto to eliminate \$2.5 million for fire safety equipment, from PPE to thermal imaging equipment.

[Source: The Romney We Know, Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, <http://pffm.org>]

Ed Kelly, president, Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts:

"During his tenure as governor, Mitt Romney took every opportunity to take from the Professional Fire

Fighters of Massachusetts. He victimized fire fighters, public sector employees and organized labor throughout the state to forward his agenda. The members of the PFFM had the misfortune of suffering the cuts he imposed and were forced to battle to preserve all that we had fought for throughout the years. As he campaigns again for president, we are reminded of the vicious political attacks of his previous administration and have a unique perspective on the effect Romney could have on fire fighters throughout the country and organized labor as a whole. It is our responsibility to look back at Romney's actions as our governor, draw our attention to the message he is spreading as he campaigns across the country, and stand up as fire fighters, union members and citizens in opposition of his efforts."

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Improving How We Work For You

Now that the 2012 IAFF Convention is behind us, headquarters is getting back to the day-to-day operations with a focus on our key objectives for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

At the September Executive Board meeting, the Board adopted a bridge budget effective until the February 2013 Board meeting to allow us to take a step back and look at the internal operations of the IAFF and make any changes necessary in our reporting structure. Taking the extra time and making sure that the status quo doesn't continue past its prime is imperative as the International looks to the future. The challenges facing our affiliates have never been greater, and the work never more important or far reaching.

Before looking forward, it is always a good idea to look back and see where we've been. When I took on the responsibilities as your General Secretary-Treasurer, my mission was to modernize operations by taking advantage of new technologies, look for areas where we can be more effective, improve our service to members, and look at where we can save costs.

We've made great progress.

First, let me outline some significant initiatives made to our internal operations. These initiatives may not directly affect you, but by improving our in-house functionality, you'll get more bang for your per capita buck. For example, our new auditor has identified significant cost savings. And, with a new comptroller with expertise in both accounting and financial systems — as well as a management team of three CPAs — we are well poised to move forward.

Training is now an ongoing effort for staff in the Budget and Finance Department, and the consultants who work on behalf of the IAFF staff and employees' pension plan have been consolidated under one roof — IceMiller.

By the time this issue goes to press, the remodeling of the third floor at IAFF headquarters will be complete. This project brings all of the General Secretary-Treasurer's staff to the same floor and will greatly assist in generating a better work management model and better use of our office space.

Our Human Resources Department has initiated a help desk tool for staff to use to request assistance on a range of issues, such as leave adjustment and questions about benefits. This tool will also be helpful for tracking the type of staff services we provide.

We have also implemented improvements that directly affect members and affiliate officers.

A new expense voucher system not only interfaces with accounting programs but greatly improves payments to our District Field Service

Representatives, Service Representatives and internal staff.

We have streamlined the process for locals paying per capita online. Currently, 660 affiliates pay per capita dues online. To sign up, contact our Membership Department.

Affiliates can also now sign up for online per capita statements. We began offering this option more than a year ago, and 500 locals are now receiving their statements solely by email. This is another improvement that streamlines the process for affiliate leaders. Once signed up, affiliate leaders can access a listing of past per capita statements. As more affiliates sign up for email only, we will look to phase out paper statements.

Moving forward, there are a number of initiatives that I believe will not only allow us to take advantage of technology, but make us more efficient in our operations — which in turn provides better stewardship of your per capita.

Early next year, all members will receive new IAFF membership cards. These new cards will include a bar code, which gives us direct access to our membership database and allows us to access key member information and quickly respond to your questions when you're registering for events.

The Human Resources Department will also be undertaking efforts to improve the function of the department by using the ADP Portal more effectively to communicate with staff and to finalize an employee handbook and policy manual by the end of the year.

We have begun the implementation of new web-based software for our budgeting and financial reporting. This software will improve and streamline our budgeting process, while also providing a more effective vehicle for distributing financial results. Once completed, we will have the ability to enter, update and review budget figures from any location and disseminate information electronically in a secure, comfortable format for each end user. Our plan is to have this project completed in time to use this software in the preparation of our current fiscal budget.

Another issue we will explore in the coming year is the credentialing of Convention delegates and alternate delegates. Our current system has been in place for a very long time, and it's time to start with a clean sheet of paper to see if there is a better and more efficient process.

You can be assured that I will continue to look for ways to improve the way the Office of the General Secretary-Treasurer operates and provide solid financial stewardship to all of you and your IAFF.

Thomas H. Miller

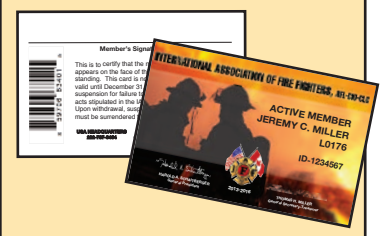


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IAFF Membership Cards 2013-2016

IAFF members will receive new membership cards by mid-January. Changes include the addition of a bar code on the card to make it easier to pull up member information and respond to your questions at IAFF events. The IAFF requests that all affiliate secretary-treasurers review their rosters and send home address updates to membership@iaff.org to ensure all members receive their new cards.





IAFF and Families Honor Those Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice

IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger honored the lives of 154 fire fighters who died in the line of duty at the 26th Annual Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial service in Colorado Springs on September 15.

An estimated 5,000 people attended the annual service to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, including 700 IAFF affiliate Honor Guard and Pipe and Drum corps from locals throughout North America (see pages 20-21).

In his address to the families, President Schaitberger noted that he was in Colorado Springs in July to survey the devastation caused by the wildfires that destroyed nearly 350 homes in the mountain city. The damage and suffering caused by the wildfires serve as a metaphor for the families who lost a loved one in the line of duty, he said.

“Like these hills and these mountain neighborhoods, the landscape of your lives has also been altered. And that feeling of adoration that this community had for its fire fighters during that fateful time is the same feeling of love and faith that brings us here today,” he said. “We have come together here for renewal of our spirit. We have come to reflect on the memories of those we have lost. As the landscape surrounding this city will restore itself, so too will the scars of your loss and of our loss.”

Colorado Springs Mayor Steve Bach praised Colorado Springs Local 5 members for their response to the Waldo Canyon fire, which “came into our city like a blow torch.”

“It could have been much worse” if not for the hard work of Local 5 members and fire fighters from surrounding areas who assisted in the response, the mayor said.

Prior to the formal ceremony, hundreds of family members of fallen fire fighters huddled at the Wall of Honor, wiping tears,



Family members attending the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial service traced the names of their loved ones from the Wall of Honor.



snapping photos and tracing the names of their loved ones on paper provided by the Colorado Springs Fire Department Fire Explorers.

President Schaitberger and IAFF General Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Miller then laid a wreath at the Wall of Honor to begin the ceremony.

In his remarks, Colorado Springs Local 5 President Jeremy Kroto said he hoped that the hundreds of families in attendance would take comfort in the ceremony and in Memorial Park.

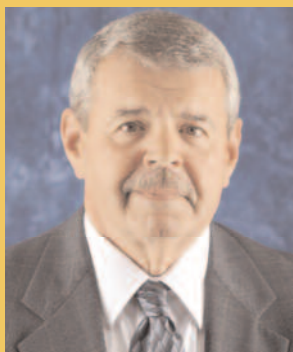
“While feelings of sorrow are to be expected when considering your loss, we hope that through this ceremony and this standing memorial to selfless public service you will find comfort in knowing that this IAFF and Local 5 will never forget what you and your loved ones sacrificed for their communities,” he said.

Kroto said the annual ceremony at Memorial Park represents the IAFF’s enduring commitment the memory of their fallen brothers and sisters, as well as to families of the fallen. ■

IAFF Trustee Elections

Elections for IAFF officers were held at the IAFF 51st Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in July and included the re-election by acclamation of IAFF Trustees Mark S. Ouellette, Alex Forrest and Anthony Mejia. Each was elected to a four-year term. The trustees, along with all other officers, were sworn in on the final day of the Convention.

In the July-August edition of the *International Fire Fighter*, the trustee elections were unintentionally omitted. We apologize for the omission. ■



Mark S. Ouellette



Alex Forrest



Anthony Mejia

IAFF Affiliates Raise \$28.6 Million for MDA

Money raised to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) continues to roll in, but the IAFF projects the total raised by IAFF affiliates this year at \$28.6 million, up 8 percent from 2011. The IAFF remains the charity's largest fundraising sponsor.

"Over the past 58 years, we have proudly worked hard for MDA," says IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger. "We know that each dollar raised through fill-the-boot campaigns and other fundraising events will help a child diagnosed with a neuromuscular disease live a better, longer life."

This year's fundraising efforts were featured in conjunction with MDA's Labor Day weekend fundraiser — "MDA Show of Strength."

The top five IAFF affiliates that collected the most money for MDA include: Fairfax County, VA Local 2068 (\$568,634); Houston, TX Local 341 (\$502,261); CDF Fire Fighters Local 2881 (\$435,000); Dallas, TX Local 58 (\$422,996); and Los Angeles County, CA Local 1014 (\$267,146).

MDA is dedicated to curing muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases by funding worldwide research. MDA also provides comprehensive health care and support services, advocacy and education. ■



Clockwise from left: Fairfax County, VA Local 2068 (\$568,634); Houston, TX Local 341 (\$502,261); CDF Fire Fighters Local 2881 (\$435,000); Dallas, TX Local 58 (\$422,996); and Los Angeles County, CA Local 1014 (\$267,146).

Tulsa Fire Fighters Prevail Over Anti-Union Executive Order

Thanks to the successful conclusion of an IAFF Guardian Policy case, Tulsa, OK Local 176 members are one step closer to being politically active once again. Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlett, under threat of court action, rescinded his earlier Executive Order which prohibited the members of Tulsa Local 176 from participating in political activities involving local elections.

However, Mayor Bartlett later issued a statement that the City Charter contains language prohibiting City employees from participating in political campaigns and that he plans to enforce the Charter. "The right to engage in legitimate political action is vital to our affiliates and members, and it should be protected," says IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger. "The IAFF will continue to offer assistance to Local 176 to ensure they remain politically active."

While the City Charter does contain prohibitive language, Oklahoma state law allows municipal employees to engage in

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— IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger

political action. In fact, until Mayor Bartlett issued his Executive Order, the status quo in Tulsa was to follow the state law. City employees could actively campaign for candidates for public office in partisan and nonpartisan elections, contribute money to political organizations and attend political fundraising functions so long as the employees were not on duty and not in uniform.

However, in the last election, Tulsa Local 176 supported Bartlett's opponent. It was after Bartlett won his seat that he retaliated by issuing the Executive Order prohibiting

City employees from engaging in the political process.

At the request of Local 176, IAFF General Counsel Tom Woodley took court action against the City and Mayor Bartlett to set aside the Executive Order.

After taking the sworn depositions of Mayor Bartlett and the city manager in the court case — which did not go well for the City — the mayor officially rescinded the Executive Order. With the goal of the Guardian policy suit achieved, the case was voluntarily withdrawn. "We are very pleased with the outcome of this case as it gets us one step closer to our goal," says Local 176 President Chad Miller. "We are grateful to General President Schaitberger and IAFF 11th District Vice President Sandy McGhee for the International's assistance."

"In these difficult times, our affiliates must be able to fight back by actively participating in the political arena in order to safeguard our members' rights," says McGhee. ■

IAFF Charitable Foundation Launches Web Site

The IAFF Charitable Foundation now has a new web site (www.iafffoundation.org)

designed to help expand support for its charitable initiatives.

With a mission to “Help Those Who Help Others,” the IAFF Foundation is dedicated to protecting and assisting its members who put their lives on the line to save others.

The new web site provides

information on the Foundation’s charities, including the Burn Fund, Disaster Relief Fund, Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Fund, W.H.

“Howie” McClennan Scholarship Fund and the John P. Redmond Fund.

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Canadians Trust Fire Fighters Most

An independent poll has confirmed that Canadians trust fire fighters more than any other group of professionals.

A recently-released Ipsos-Reid poll, conducted on behalf of selected media outlets, found that 88 percent of Canadians expressed high levels of trust for fire fighters, which was top among all groups included in the poll.

Rounding out the top five trusted professions were EMTs at 86 percent, nurses at 85 percent, pharmacists at 78 percent and doctors at 75 percent.

The result was consistent with previous polls by Ipsos-Reid and other firms over the past decade that have ranked fire fighters as the most trusted professionals in Canada.

“That trust is due to the important role Canada’s professional fire fighters play in their communities and the risks our members take on a daily basis to protect the lives and property of their fellow citizens,” says IAFF

General President Harold Schaitberger. “This level of trust also reflects the charitable work that many of our Canadian brothers and sisters do in their communities.” ■

Getting to Retirement

In a time when the focus seems to be on taking things away from fire fighters and other first responders, Nationwide Retirement Solutions is delivering solutions to assist IAFF members in reaching their retirement goals.

Tax-Free Retirement Income

IAFF members who anticipate that taxes will increase when they retire or who expect to be in a higher tax bracket upon retirement may be looking for a way to diversify retirement income between taxable and tax-free options. Working with the IAFF-Financial Corporation (IAFF-FC), Nationwide is taking advantage of recent changes in tax law to make that easier — by introducing a new Roth 457 Plan option.

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If you participate in the IAFF-FC Frontline Plan or another Nationwide Retirement Solutions Plan, you have access to a great feature that allows you to periodically rebalance your asset allocation in your

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For more information about this service, contact a Nationwide representative at (877) 350-0303. ■



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Burn Survivors Attend 2012 International Burn Camp

Teenage burn survivors spent a week in the Nation's Capital September 22-29, 2012, for the 17th International Burn Camp, organized by the IAFF Charitable Foundation's Burn Fund.

The camp, which pairs campers with fire fighter camp counselors from the United States and Canada, includes sightseeing, recreation, networking and psychosocial activities designed to help campers and counselors connect with and learn from other burn survivors.

"Fire fighters bear witness every day to the trauma caused by burns, and they know that healing takes time," says IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger. "That's why the Burn Camp and IAFF Charitable Foundation are committed to providing this therapeutic experience for burn survivors each year."

As campers arrived at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Anne Arundel County, MD Local 1563 and Baltimore-Washington International Airport Local 1742 provided transportation to Camp Wabanna, home to campers for the week. The following day, Arlington County, VA Local 2800 hosted the opening ceremony at Station 5 featuring good food, great company and a visit from the Iron Warriors Fire and Police, a motorcycle club comprised of active, reserve and retired fire fighters and police dedicated to providing financial and community support to those in need.

Throughout the week, campers toured the Washington, DC metro region, including the White House, U.S. Capitol, Mount Vernon, the U.S. Naval Academy and Arlington Cemetery, and enjoyed hospitality extended by several IAFF affiliates, including Fort Myer, VA Local F-253, Fairfax County, VA Local 2068, Naval District of Washington Local F-121 and Fort Belvoir, VA Local F-273, as well as the Anne Arundel County Burn Foundation, Inc. (see box for the complete list of Burn Camp supporters).

The IAFF Charitable Foundation supports IAFF members and their families in their time of need, promotes fire and burn prevention, advocates for fire fighter health and safety, and provides public education on how to prevent and recover from burn trauma. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.iafffoundation.org.

The 2013 International Burn Camp is September 21-28, 2013. ■



Teenage burn survivors attending the 2012 IAFF International Burn Camp participate in a boat tour of Annapolis, Maryland, hosted by the Anne Arundel County Burn Foundation, Inc.

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- Saskatchewan Professional Fire Fighters Association Burn Fund

Anti-Union Rhetoric, Legislation on the Rise in Canada

The IAFF is fighting back in the face of an increasing level of anti-union rhetoric in Canada and a growing number of direct attacks on unions and union rights.

With conservative federal and provincial politicians musing openly about wage suppression as a necessary ingredient of economic recovery and about Right-to-Work legislation and other measures designed to diminish unions, the IAFF and other Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) unions are in a daily battle to counter the scapegoating of unions and fight back against a growing number of anti-union measures and proposals.

At the federal level, Conservative MP Russ Hiebert's Bill C-377 is a direct affront to Canadian unions. The legislation proposes amending the *Income Tax Act* to establish onerous financial reporting requirements for unions and public disclosure of all union spending under the false pretense that unions receive tax breaks and are, as a result, publicly funded. The truth is that while individual members' dues are tax deductible, that money stays with individual members and does not support union operations or political expenses.

The IAFF believes Bill C-377 is merely an attempt to tie up union resources and to divide unions, whose members already have access to their unions' financial information. The legislation is discriminatory because it does not propose the same financial reporting requirements for other kinds of non-profit groups or for corporations.

A public opinion poll cited as a rationale by Hiebert and other C-377 supporters was recently found to have problems with data manipulation. The IAFF has joined the CLC and other CLC unions in a national campaign to seek amendments to Bill C-377 or see it defeated altogether.

Bill C-377 is set against the backdrop of a federal government that interfered in the collective bargaining process on behalf of Air Canada and Canada Post management. One Canadian member of Parliament (MP), reacting to a public sector union's decision to support a political rival party, even mused about legislation that would make Canada a "Right-to-Work" country.

The IAFF believes the real reason conservative politicians strive to diminish

union power and attempt to limit or even suspend unions' ability to participate in the political process is sheer political gain.

At the provincial level, Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak, who last year campaigned on a promise to tilt the arbitration system in favour of employers, recently released a policy white-paper titled, *Paths to Prosperity: Flexible Labour Markets*, which is nothing more than a blueprint to strip unions of their power. In response to the province's economic woes, the PCs propose Right-to-Work legislation and privatizing the workers' compensation system, among other measures. The media called Hudak's plan "regressive" and dubbed it a "path to poverty."

"These politicians fail to realize that attacking unions makes us stronger," says IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger. "Blaming unions for the current economic conditions rings hollow in Canada as it does in the United States. Our political foes want to diminish us for their own gain and to clear the way for an agenda that will enrich their corporate friends at the expense of North America's workers and working families. But we stand united, and we say NO. The harder they fight us, the harder we will fight back."

When the Ontario PCs finished second in a September 4 by-election in Kitchener, Hudak quickly blamed "union muscle" for the loss, rather than accepting the democratic will of voters in the riding or considering whether the party's policies — or his flagging performance as party leader — played a role in the defeat.

In most cases, such as Ontario and in the United States, politicians claim their attacks on unions are necessary in order to achieve some economic goal. But a booming provincial economy hasn't stopped the right wing Saskatchewan Party from attacking unions in that province, from the minute it took power in 2007.

Most recently, the IAFF assisted the Saskatchewan Professional Fire Fighters Association fight back against a so-called "review" of the province's labour legislation that observers believe is just an attempt to strip away hard-earned union rights. The review was called by the provincial government after a consultation process that included employers and employer groups, but not unions. ■

IAFF Concerned About Mid-Rise Wood Frame Construction in Canada

The IAFF is speaking out against a proposed change to the National Building Code of Canada that would allow the construction of mid-rise buildings framed entirely with wood, citing unanswered questions about fire performance and the fact that most urban fire departments likely lack the resources and training needed to respond safely and effectively to the structures.

Allowing six-story woodframe structures in Canada is being viewed as a "tool for recovery in the forestry industry." But the IAFF believes it should not come at the expense of fire fighter and public safety, and that the proposal is a trial balloon that will lead to calls to allow combustible wood frame structures that are 10 stories or higher.

"Our chief concern is that the majority of urban fire departments in Canada probably lack the equipment, resources and the training to safely and effectively respond to a fire in a six-story woodframe structure," the IAFF stated in a recent presentation to the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes' Joint Task Force on Combustible Construction in Montreal.

"There are too many unknowns about the way a completed six-story woodframe structure would respond in a fire at this point to predict how such a fire would spread, when structural features will fail and how to contemplate such lifesaving operations as interior search and rescue and interior and exterior suppression."

Neither the National Building Code nor National Fire Code of Canada address fire department response capabilities. There is no reference in the proposal to the NFPA 1710 standard for fire department organization and deployment or any other measure of available fire protection. The IAFF asserts that extra caution is required because many communities in Canada are

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The IAFF is accepting applications for the 2013 Political Training Academy February 9-15 in Baltimore, Maryland.

The deadline for submitting applications is November 13, 2012.

Visit www.iaff.org/Politics/PA/training for an application. ■

IAFF affiliates in Canada are fighting legislation that would permit six-story woodframe structures.



in fact reducing fire department capabilities for political and budgetary reasons.

"Society should question whether a time when many municipalities are slashing fire department budgets and reducing fire department capabilities is the right time to permit the construction of residential structures that would require increased fire protection resources," the IAFF stated.

The National Building Code of Canada is a model code that is used outright by some provinces and used as a guideline for individual codes in other provinces. The Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association is currently lobbying against legislation that would amend the Ontario

Building Code to permit six-story woodframe structures.

Six-story woodframe structures are already permitted under the British Columbia Building Code (BCBC). The first such structure to be built under the amended BCBC was consumed in a massive blaze while it was under construction in May 2011.

The move to allow six-story combustible woodframe buildings in the National Building Code of Canada is set against the backdrop of a code that already fails to provide adequate protection for Canadian fire fighters. When the code moved to an objective-based format in 2005, fire fighter

safety was not made a core objective. As a result, designers and builders don't have to consider fire fighter safety, and it cannot practicably be used as a basis for a code change request.

After being encouraged by the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes (CCBFC) to use the code amendment process to have our concerns addressed, the IAFF in April 2010 sought the addition of fire fighter safety as a code objective. The IAFF proposal was rejected out of hand without notice and without any request for further consultation.

When the IAFF demanded an explanation, we were advised that existing code language referring to "building occupants" was intended to cover fire fighters, which starkly contrasts the roles fire fighters actually play and the public's expectation that fire fighters will enter a burning building while others are fleeing in order to rescue anyone who may be trapped and to aggressively save a home and its possessions. The IAFF continues to lobby the Canadian government to amend the National Building Code so that fire fighter safety can be used as the basis of a code change request. ■

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IAFF Makes Case for Continued Haz-Mat Funding in Canada

The IAFF has laid out a formal case for a second five-year funding envelope for the Canadian Haz-Mat and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive (CBRNE) Training Initiative.

In a submission to Canada's Standing Committee on Finance, the IAFF emphasizes the cost-effective nature of the program and cites its success during its first five years of operation.

"To date, the IAFF program has successfully trained more than 1,570 first responders, improving public and first responder safety and inter-agency interoperability within communities," the IAFF submission states.

"Public safety should not be subject to any compromise at a time when some municipalities have been directly affected by a weakened economy, especially when our increasingly resource-based economy is resulting in — and dependent upon — major infrastructure investments that need to be protected. This program bears no cost to municipalities, ensuring accessibility to all communities large and small."

The IAFF program has reached first responders in 135 communities across Canada, meaning hundreds of thousands of



The Canadian Haz-Mat and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive (CBRNE) Initiative has made communities across Canada better protected following a CBRNE incident.

Canadians are better protected from the aftermath of a Haz-Mat or CBRNE incident. With 11 master instructors chosen from the IAFF's Canadian membership, the program's cost effectiveness is due in part to the fact that master instructors deliver the training on site in local fire departments, which minimizes travel and lodging costs.

"This program has received accolades from many public safety stakeholders, including fire chiefs, EMS chiefs and police officers," the IAFF submission concludes. "A renewed funding commitment from the government of Canada would enable the IAFF to expand the program into Quebec and other areas of the

country that have yet to take full advantage of this opportunity. The administration and logistical components are already in place. Renewed funding would ensure a seamless continuation of administering future courses."

The IAFF Canadian Haz-Mat and CBRNE Training Initiative is a direct result of IAFF lobbying of the Canadian government. Funding for the IAFF program in the amount of \$500,000 annually over two years was announced in 2007, and the amount was subsequently increased to \$2.5 million over five years.

But the original five-year funding window is scheduled to close in March 2013, and several areas of Canada have yet to take advantage of the program. In 2011, the IAFF recruited two French-speaking master instructors to facilitate expansion of the program into Quebec.

The Standing Committee on Finance, an all-party committee of Canada's federal government, is currently holding pre-budget consultations. After hearing from stakeholders such as the IAFF, the Committee will issue a report in December that makes recommendations to the federal government on spending priorities in advance of the 2013 federal budget. ■

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IAFF Member Awarded Labor Leader of the Year

Federated Fire Fighters of Wyoming (FFFW) President and member of Cheyenne Local 279 Joe Fender was awarded the 2012 Wyoming State AFL-CIO Labor Leader of the Year Award during the annual Wyoming State AFL-CIO Convention.

"It is a great honor to be recognized by the state AFL-CIO in this manner," says Fender. "The award was a great surprise and I am truly humbled." Among the other Local 279 members to receive the award is former IAFF 9th District Vice President Keith Henning.

FFFW President Fender and other FFFW officers and members have worked tirelessly to protect collective bargaining and pensions in recent months. However, Fender has a long history of service to the labor movement.

Since becoming a member of Local 279 in 2000, he has either served on its Executive Board or as president of the FFFW. As a labor leader, Fender has advocated for fire fighter safety and staffing and protected health benefits, pension benefits and collective bargaining rights for Wyoming fire fighters.

Fender is currently running for the Wyoming state House of Representatives. ■

Philadelphia Fire Fighter Honored by City Council for Bravery

The Philadelphia City Council has passed a resolution to recognize Local 22 fire fighter Francis Cheney for his bravery as he rescued a woman from a burning row house. "Cheney is one of our best," says Local 22 President Bill Gault. "He put his own life at risk to ensure someone else's safety. He did a great thing."

Cheney, an eight-year veteran, is assigned to Ladder 10 and was among the fire fighters to respond to the April warehouse fire that killed two Local 22 members — Robert Neary and Daniel Sweeney.

But on July 4, Cheney was working overtime on Engine 61 in the Feltonville area of Philadelphia. Engine 61 was dispatched to a row house with reports of people trapped inside. Upon arrival, a man outside the burning row house told fire fighters that his sister was trapped in one of the second floor bedrooms.

Captain Anne Marie Lewandowski and fire fighter John Gonzales ran hoses while Cheney went inside to find the trapped victim.



From Left: Retired Local 22 fire fighter Francis Cheney Sr., Local 22 fire fighter Frances Cheney and Retired Fire Commissioner William Richmond

Cheney found her underneath a window in one of the bedrooms. "She was having a difficult time breathing, so I took a deep breath, removed my mask and put it on her," recalls Cheney. "We got out of there as quick as we could."

Afterwards, Cheney donated the money he made in overtime to the woman he saved. "They lost a lot in that fire," he says. "I figured she needed it more than I did."

The City recognized Cheney during its September 20 City Council meeting. ■



IAFF Welcomes New Locals

The new IAFF affiliates listed below joined the International in July and August 2012.

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Nashville Fire Fighter Coaches Little League Team to the World Series

Nashville, TN Local 140 fire fighter Joey Hale, a 21-year veteran, did something this year that no one else has done since 1987. He coached a Little League team from Tennessee all the way to the final game of the Little League World Series. While his team, the Goodlettsville All-Stars, ultimately fell to Japan 12-2, the Tennessee team still had an exceptional year.

"The team was still able to achieve its major goal — winning the U.S.

championship," says Hale. "In the end, we were all very excited to be a part of the World Series game."

The Goodlettsville All-Stars team was comprised of the same players from last year's team with the addition of three new players. Last season, the team did very well until they reached the regional playoffs.

"They were disappointed that they didn't advance to the next level, so that served as a very big motivator for them to do even

better this year and they did," says Hale.

The team practiced every day. Coach Hale reports that the days he was on duty, the team's pitchers would come out and practice behind the firehouse between emergency calls.

All of their hard work paid off. The Goodlettsville All-Stars team advanced to the U.S. championship game against Petaluma, California. In that game, it looked like Goodlettsville team had reached the end of its time in the playoffs when the team blew a 10-run lead in the bottom of the sixth inning.

However, momentum swung back in Goodlettsville's favor in the seventh inning, scoring nine times to win the game.

Unfortunately, the exhausted team had to play the World Series game in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania, against Japan the next day. Had Goodlettsville been able to pull off another victory, the team would have been the first team from Tennessee to win youth baseball's biggest prize. ■



New Memorial Honors Fallen Minnesota Fire Fighters

Members of the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters (MPFF) and their families, along with state officials, dedicated a new memorial at the State Capitol honoring the 207 state fire fighters who have died in the line of duty since 1881.

The names of the fallen are etched onto 86 slim columns in an open-air pavilion highlighted by a statue of a fire fighter rescuing a child. The statue, created in 1986, had been displayed at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

More than 1,000 fire fighters and family members of the fallen fire fighters attended the unveiling on September 30, including IAFF 5th District Vice President and Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters President Tom Thornberg.

An annual ceremony for the fallen will be held on the state's Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Day, newly designated as the last Sunday in September. ■



Thousands of fire fighters, their families and elected officials attended the unveiling of Minnesota's memorial honoring fallen fire fighters.

Eastern Missouri Fire Fighters Dedicate Memorial to the Fallen

The Professional Fire Fighters of Eastern Missouri Local 2665 has unveiled a statue and memorial plaza honoring the 343 FDNY fire fighters who made the ultimate sacrifice on 9/11, as well as Local 2665's own fallen fire fighters.

"While New York City fire fighters are not members of Local 2665, they are still family to us," says IAFF 2nd District Vice President Mark Woolbright, who spoke at the unveiling. "It is an honor to be able to pay tribute to the fire fighters we have lost."

Missouri State Council of Fire Fighters Executive Board members, Local 2665 Executive Board members and elected state and local officials attended the event held September 22.

The memorial site features a 9-foot bronze statue created by Liberty Artworks, which was founded by Saint Louis, MO Local 73 member and sculptor Robert Daus. Surrounding the statue is a piece of World Trade Center steel, the names of the 343 fallen etched on expertly laid bricks and a gas-powered eternal flame.

Additionally, a granite wall at the base of the statue will include the names of



Local 2665's fallen members: Robert Brehm, Raymond Trog, William E. Walls, Dennis Mignerone, Mark Parrish, Louis Berra, Ryan Hummert, Glen Visnovske, Kenneth R. Groennert, James D. McNamara and Michael Boehle.

Numerous fundraisers, including golf tournaments, T-shirt sales and pledge drives funded the sculpture and memorial plaza. ■



2012 Media Awards Contest

The IAFF received 305 entries in the 2012 Media Awards Contest — all of which reflect the expanding role fire fighters play in communities across North America. These dedicated personnel respond to all — hazards, including natural and manmade disasters, hazardous materials spills, water rescues, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, wildland fires and other countless unpredictable incidents. At the same time, fire fighters and paramedics work tirelessly to protect public safety, as well as give their all to make a difference in their own communities.

NEWS STORY

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FIRST PLACE

“48 Hours”

Coeur d’Alene Press

Written by: Tom Hasslinger

Submitted by: Coeur d’Alene, ID Local 710

Reporter Tom Hasslinger describes a 48-hour shift with the Coeur d’Alene Fire Department, including the extreme sense of urgency experienced by first responders as they respond to medical emergencies. This is a well-written, cogent account of riding on an ambulance with members of Coeur d’Alene Local 710.

HONORABLE MENTION

“Fire Ops 101 to test Burnaby politicians”

Burnaby Now

Written by: Alfie Lau

Submitted by: District of North Vancouver, BC Local 1183

Burnaby reporter Alfie Lau becomes a fire fighter for a day, participating in a Fire Ops 101 event hosted by District of North Vancouver Local 1183. Lau balances humor to educate readers on what it’s like being exposed to a live fire with extreme temperatures in a simulator, performing auto extrication exercise and a patient rescue. He learns — most importantly — what it means to work as a team to fight a fire.

HONORABLE MENTION

“Collective Works”

Southern Standard

Written by: Brad Weaver

Submitted by: McMinnville, TN Local 3026
McMinnville, TN Local 3026 President Brad Weaver urges residents to put fire safety first in his collection of stories published in the *Southern Standard*. Whether instructing residents about taking preventative steps when hanging Christmas decorations on a tree or stressing the importance of staying hydrated during extreme summer weather, Weaver builds an important conversation about fire safety.

NEWS STORY

(Circulation more than 100,000)

FIRST PLACE

“Fire Fighters Deserving of Hero Status”

Telegram and Gazette

Written by: George Barnes

Submitted by: Worcester, MA Local 1009

A moving tribute to late Worcester fire fighter and Local 1009 member Jon D. Davies Sr., who died in the line of duty on December 8, 2011, battling a three-alarm fire. This story captures the attention of the reader from the opening statement to the last period, and gives an insight about the inner drive and selfless qualities of a fire fighter. This is a very compelling story and a deserving tribute to a fallen hero.

SECOND PLACE

“From Olympic”

Toronto Star

Written by: Randy Starkman

Submitted by: Toronto, ON Local 3888

When the glare of the Olympic spotlight is over, some athletes struggle to find purpose in life after the games conclude. Six Canadian Olympians find their professional calling in fire fighting and discover it is just as rewarding and as “adrenaline inducing” as playing a sport. This story is worth sharing as these Olympians discuss how they transitioned from being elite athletes to professional fire fighters.

HONORABLE MENTION

“Fire Fighters Boot Drive to hit the Streets Again”

Las Vegas Sun

Written by: Jackie Valley

Submitted by: Henderson, NV Local 1883

“Giving Back”

The View

Written by: Michael Lyle

Submitted by: Henderson, NV Local 1883

Henderson Local 1883 members do more than put out fires and respond to emergency calls. These two stories capture the benevolence and community engagement of fire fighters as they raise money for muscular dystrophy and conduct public awareness campaigns to prevent drowning. Henderson fire fighters make it clear they are a part of the community and deliver an important message.

NEWS STORY IN A TRADE PUBLICATION

FIRST PLACE

“How Henderson, NV leads nation in cardiac arrest survivability rates”

Jems Emergency Medical Services Magazine

Written by: Scott Vivier

Submitted by: Henderson, NV Local 1883

Patients experiencing sudden cardiac arrest have a 50 percent survival rate when Henderson fire fighters respond. The fire department credits its success to following the guidelines set forth by the American Heart Association (AHA), in addition to using technological advances like Q-CPR devices, AEDs and taking an overall team-based approach that defines responsibilities applied in a consistent fashion resulting in sufficient patient care.

NEWS PHOTO

(Circulation less than 100,000)

FIRST PLACE

“Boutelle St. Leominster Four Alarm Fire”

Leominster Champion Weekly

Photo by: Vincent Apollonio

Submitted by: Leominster, MA Local 1841

Leominster fire fighters work a four-alarm fire at a multi-family home. Fire fighters from seven surrounding areas were called in to provide mutual aid. Three families lost their homes.



News Photo (circulation less than 100,000) First Place: “Boutelle St. Leominster Four Alarm Fire” Leominster, MA Local 1841

SECOND PLACE

“Dollhouse Fire”

Houston Local 341 Newsletter

Photo by: Kimberly Phillips

Submitted by: Houston, TX Local 341

Two lives were lost in this three-alarm fire. The photo of the burning 10,000-square-foot Victorian home was taken right after fire companies pulled back.



News Photo (circulation less than 100,000) Second Place: “Dollhouse Fire” Houston, TX Local 341

HONORABLE MENTION

“Five Alarm Fire Destroys Queens Restaurant”

1st Responder Newspaper

Photo by: Bill Tompkins

Submitted by: Englewood, NJ Local 3263

Fire fighters respond to a five-alarm fire that swept through a popular restaurant in Queens.

HONORABLE MENTION

"Patriot Flag in Los Angeles"

The Los Angeles Firefighter

Photo by: Shawn Kaye

Submitted by: Los Angeles, CA Local 112

Fire fighters surround the 40-foot by 60-foot patriot flag at the World Trade Center Memorial in Los Angeles. The photo appeared on the cover of the Los Angeles Firefighter in its September 11 tribute issue in 2011.

HONORABLE MENTION

"Fire Destroys Historic Church"

1st Responder Newspaper

Photo by: Bill Tompkins

Submitted by: Englewood, NJ Local 3263

A century-old New Rochelle, New York, church is destroyed in a five-alarm fire in the early hours of February 14, 2011. Units from across Westchester County responded to the fire where several people were being treated for smoke inhalation.

NEWS PHOTO

(Circulation more than 100,000)

FIRST PLACE

"Volcano"

Firehouse Magazine

Photo by: Tom Carmody

Submitted by: Woonsocket, RI Local 732

Woonsocket Local 732 fire fighters respond to a fire located just a few blocks from a shuttered firehouse. Mill fires have occurred frequently over the past 10 years in the area. As crews entered the second floor of the building, command ordered everyone out. An unimaginable fire roared towards fire crews, forcing them to sprint towards the exit. Mutual aid from up to 20 miles away also responded.



News Photo (circulation more than 100,000) First Place: "Volcano" Woonsocket, RI Local 732

SECOND PLACE

"Yonge/Gould Fire"

Toronto Sun Newspaper

Photo by: John Hanley

Submitted by: Toronto, ON Local 3888

This photograph is of fire fighters responding to a five-alarm fire at the former, historic Empress Hotel in the heart of downtown Toronto. A 53-year-old man was charged with arson for the fire that destroyed the 122-year-old building.



News Photo (circulation more than 100,000) Second Place: "Yonge/Gould Fire" Toronto, ON Local 3888

HONORABLE MENTION

"First In!"

Fire Rescue Magazine

Photo by: Jonathan Androwski

Submitted by: Torrance, CA Local 1138

This photo captures the critical condition of the fire awaiting fire fighters who were first on the scene.

FACEBOOK PAGE

FIRST PLACE (TIE)

Jacksonville Association of Fire Fighters

www.facebook.com/pages/The-Jacksonville-Association-of-Fire-Fighters/232355851855

Produced by: Jacksonville, FL Local 122

Submitted by: Jacksonville, FL Local 122

Jacksonville Local 122's Facebook page chronicles the fire calls and emergencies that fire fighters experience daily, and includes fire scene updates and the local's community outreach efforts.

FIRST PLACE (TIE)

California Professional Firefighters (tie)

www.facebook.com/CAFirefighters

Produced by: California Professional Firefighters

Submitted by: California Professional Firefighters

The California Professional Firefighters (CPF) produces original content from its web site on its Facebook page. This Facebook page also recognizes CPF members and the work they do, and provides continuous information on issues important to its members, including retirement security.

SECOND PLACE (TIE)

Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters

www.facebook.com/OAPFF

Produced by: Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters

Submitted by: Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters

The Ohio Professional Fire Fighters Association (OAPFF) provides its members a broad national view on politics through its Facebook page, as well as local and state issues.

SECOND PLACE (TIE)

Schaumburg Professional Firefighters Association Local 4092

www.facebook.com/IAFF4092

Produced by: Schaumburg, IL Local 4092

Submitted by: Schaumburg, IL Local 4092

Schaumburg Local 4092 has a lively Facebook page that recognizes the work of its members.

HONORABLE MENTION

Henderson Professional Fire Fighters Local 1883

www.facebook.com/HendersonFire

Produced by: Henderson, NV Local 1883

Submitted by: Henderson, NV Local 1883

Henderson Local 1883 uses its Facebook page to foster community relations and provide useful tips to the community on a number of important topics, including drowning prevention.

HONORABLE MENTION

Florida Professional Firefighters

<http://tinyurl.com/87b42ew>

Produced by: Florida Professional Firefighters

Submitted by: Florida Professional Firefighters

The Florida Professional Firefighters (FPF) offers informative and up-to-date information concerning issues affecting fire fighters statewide.

HONORABLE MENTION

Collinsville Firefighters Local 2625

www.facebook.com/IAFF2625

Produced by: Michael Lutz

Submitted by: Collinsville, IL Local 2625

Collinsville Local 2625's Facebook page offers a mix of news, fire updates and other information of interest to its members.

BEST TELEVISION NEWS STORY, FEATURE OR DOCUMENTARY

FIRST PLACE

"First In, Last Out"

Bryan Boyd Productions

Reported by: Bryan Boyd, Joel Harsin and Jim Major

Submitted by: Indianapolis, IN Local 416

This documentary uses photographs, videos and interviews to tell the rich history of the Indianapolis Fire Department from its humble beginnings to the present. Viewers learn that fire fighters had very few resources and many challenges early on.

SECOND PLACE

"Heart Break on Schuyler Street/Utica, NY"

Smith Television of Utica, NY

Reported by: Tim Fisher

Submitted by: Utica, NY Local 32

Photojournalist Tim Fisher tells the story of what it's like to cover the story of a fatal fire. Fisher detailed the raw emotions felt at the scene as fire fighters unsuccessfully attempted to gain safe access to the burning building in time to save the lives of those trapped inside.

HONORABLE MENTION

"Broadway Fire Reunion Press Conference"

PBC-TV Channel 20

Reported by: Derek Wiley

Submitted by: Palm Beach County, FL Local 2928

After Palm Beach County fire fighters successfully rescued a mother and her two children from their burning apartment, the fire fighters and victims were reunited during an emotional press conference.

NEWS STORY ON A WEB-BASED NEWS SITE

FIRST PLACE

"J'Accuse: The Fatal Tragedy of the Deutsche Bank Fire"

Eve's Magazine

Written by: Martin Steadman

Submitted by: Uniformed Fire Officers

Association (UFOA) of New York Local 854

Journalist Martin Steadman spent more than two years investigating the 2007 Deutsche Bank building fire which resulted in the deaths of two FDNY fire fighters. The building was in the process of being torn down when the fire began. Steadman's article found that the people responsible for maintaining the bank building's safety had not done an adequate job and the fire fighter deaths were preventable.

An additional award goes to Eve Berliner, editor and publisher of *Eve's Magazine*. Steadman spent months offering his investigative report to numerous reporters and editors in New York City. Only Ms. Berliner had the courage to run his story.

SECOND PLACE

"Full Honours Funeral Bestowed Upon a Fallen Firefighter"

Inside Toronto

Written by: Cynthia Reason

Submitted by: Toronto, ON Local 3888

This article pays tribute to Ontario Local 3888 fire fighter Sly Maj after he lost a long battle with work-related colon cancer. It not only details Maj's contributions to his community, but also describes the full fire fighter honors posthumously bestowed on Maj during his funeral services.

HONORABLE MENTION

"My Call of a Lifetime: The Cliffside Sheep Rescue"

Fire Rescue 1

Written by: Marc Lucero

Submitted by: Richmond, CA Local 188

In this story, Richmond Local 188 member Marc Lucero recalls how his fire company was dispatched to assist local animal control in removing a dog and a sheep from the side of a cliff in an old rock quarry. Lucero and the other responding personnel used their specialized training in technical rope rescue to bring the animals to safety.

FIRE SERVICE PHOTO ON A WEB-BASED NEWS SITE

FIRST PLACE

"All Hands Working"

timсноpek.com

Photo by: Tim Snopak



Fire Service Photo on a Web-based News Site First Place: "All Hands Working" Submitted by: Waukesha, WI Local 407

Submitted by: Waukesha, WI Local 407

This photo was taken as Waukesha Local 407 members prepared a motorcycle accident victim for safe transport in a medical helicopter.

SECOND PLACE

"East York Fire"

Inside Toronto

Photo by: John Hanley

Submitted by: Toronto, ON Local 3888

Toronto Local 3888 fire fighters are engaged in an exterior attack of a third-alarm fire at a house under renovation. The picture has a layered look, which includes smoke in the background with hose streams and emergency personnel in the forefront.



Fire Service Photo on a Web-based News Site Second Place: "East York Fire" Toronto, ON Local 3888

HONORABLE MENTION

"Fire Flies"

Crimson Fire Web Ad

Photo by: David F. Kazmierczak

Submitted by: Buffalo, NY Local 282

This photo was taken just as the roof of a burning home collapses, creating an explosion-like effect in the background. The fire fighter on the ladder truck engaged in an aerial attack adds an additional point of interest.

BLOG

FIRST PLACE

"What Are You Using Fire Service Tradition for?"

firechief.com

Written by: Jim Spell

Submitted by: Vail, CO Local 4138

Firechief.com is the web site complement to *Fire Chief* magazine, which focuses on issues specific to fire chiefs worldwide. This blog explains the role fire service tradition plays in today's fire service and how it is important to learn the real lessons history teaches.

SECOND PLACE

"Reporter Takes Some Heat"

Burnaby Now

Written by: Alfie Lau

Written by: British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters Association

Journalist Alfie Lau blogged on video and in print about his experience with Fire Ops 101. Lau talks about everything from the weight of the turnout gear to the challenges each evolution presented.

HONORABLE MENTION

"Hollywood Area Arson Fires"

lafd.blogspot.com

Written by: Erik Scott, Brian Humphrey and Matt Spence

Submitted by: Los Angeles City, CA Local 112

The LAFD Blogspot, managed by a team of Los Angeles Local 112 fire fighters, is a timely site that includes important Los Angeles City fire service-related stories and information. The Media Awards entry was a post about the Hollywood arson fires.

BEST YOUTUBE VIDEO

FIRST PLACE

"Olney Stands Against Brownouts" and "What Fire Fighters Do For You"

Media Mobilizing Project

Produced by: Rebekah Phillips

Submitted by: Philadelphia, PA Local 22

Media Mobilizing Project produced two videos to call attention to the public safety hazards associated with the ongoing rolling brownouts in Philadelphia. "Olney Stands Against Brownouts" features a family who lost two children in a house fire, a tragedy which may have been prevented had the closest firehouse not been browned out at the time of the fire. "What Fire Fighters Do For You" includes interviews with fire fighter widows and Philadelphia citizens. Each interviewee talks about the invaluable service fire fighters provide and express concern that fire fighters do not have the resources they need to do the job.

SECOND PLACE

"House of Labor is On Fire"

International Fire Fighter

Produced by: South Milwaukee, WI

Local 1633

Submitted by: South Milwaukee, WI

Local 1633

This is a video of a rally on the Wisconsin State Capitol protesting Governor Scott Walker's attack on public employee collective bargaining. It includes speeches from IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger and other affiliate leaders in Wisconsin.

AFFILIATE PUBLICATION

(Circulation less than 1,000)

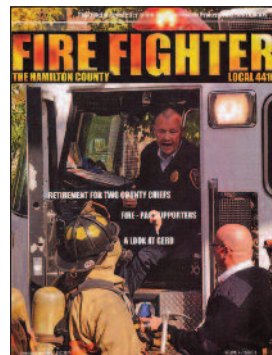
FIRST PLACE

The Hamilton County Fire Fighter

Published by: Hamilton County, IN Local 4416

Submitted by: Hamilton County, IN Local 4416

This bi-monthly newsletter has a sleek exterior design, with information specific to Hamilton County Local 4416, as well as stories from the IAFF.



Affiliate Publication (Circulation less than 1,000) First Place: The Hamilton County Fire Fighter Hamilton County, IN Local 4416



IAFF FALLEN FIRE FIGHTER FINAL FORMATION COLORADO SPRING



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MESA FIRE AND MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
UNITED MESA FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 2260

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SECOND PLACE

FSFS S-20 Annual Newsletter

Published by: Florida State Fire Service

Association Local S-20

Submitted by: Florida State Fire Service

Association Local S-20

This newsletter has a clean design and layout, with content that helps the local achieve its goal of improving internal communications within the membership.



Affiliate Publication
(Circulation less than 1,000)
Second Place:
FSFS S-20 Annual Newsletter
Florida State Fire Service Association Local S-20

AFFILIATE PUBLICATION

(Circulation more than 1,000)

FIRST PLACE

"All Hands"

Published by: Professional Firefighters

Association of New Jersey

Submitted by: Professional Firefighters

Association of New Jersey

This quarterly newspaper is well-designed and informative. Content includes legislative news, labor issue updates, news from the IAFF, tips on using various resources and job listings.



Affiliate Publication
(Circulation more than 1,000)
First Place: "All Hands"
Professional Firefighters Association of New Jersey

SECOND PLACE (TIE)

"The Los Angeles Fire Fighter"

Published by: Los Angeles City, CA Local 112

Submitted by: Los Angeles City, CA Local 112

This bi-monthly newspaper is available to all members and contains useful information for Los Angeles Local 112 fire fighters, including the latest on labor issues, legislative issues, safety concerns, pension issues and more.

SECOND PLACE (TIE)

"Ignition Point"

Published by: Calgary, AB Local 255

Submitted by: Calgary, AB Local 255

This quarterly newsletter includes timely articles from every level of the union — national, provincial and local news.



Affiliate Publication
(Circulation more than 1,000)
Second Place Tie: "The Los Angeles Fire Fighter"
Los Angeles City, CA Local 112

SECOND PLACE (TIE)

"Toronto Fire Watch"

Published by: Toronto, ON Local 3888

Submitted by: Toronto, ON Local 3888

This magazine does an effective job of keeping the Local 3888 membership informed, and includes officers' columns, IAFF news, labor issue updates and affiliate news.



Affiliate Publication
(Circulation more than 1,000)
Second Place Tie: "Ignition Point"
Calgary, AB Local 255



Affiliate Publication
(Circulation more than 1,000)
Second Place Tie: "Toronto Fire Watch"
Toronto, ON Local 3888

HONORABLE MENTION

"California Professional Firefighters"

Published by: California Professional

Firefighters

Submitted by: California Professional Firefighters

This quarterly newspaper is distributed to more than 30,000 California Professional Firefighters (CPF) members. Content includes information on how state government decisions affect fire fighters and stories and highlights from CPF affiliates.

HONORABLE MENTION

"The Houston Fire Fighter"

Published by: Houston, TX Local 341

Submitted by: Houston, TX Local 341

This monthly publication is distributed to more than 5,000 active and retired Local 341 members. Each month, the magazine includes labor, IAFF, state and affiliate news.

BEST AFFILIATE WEB SITE

FIRST PLACE

California Professional Firefighters

www.cpf.org

Produced by: California Professional Firefighters

Submitted by: California Professional Firefighters

The California Professional Firefighters (CPF) web site is an informative and user-friendly web site averaging more than 20,000 visits per month. It provides the latest news on CPF affiliates, as well as vital information for

SECOND PLACE

Henderson Professional Fire Fighters

www.hendersonfirefighters.com

Produced by: Henderson, NV Local 1883

Submitted by: Henderson, NV Local 1883

Henderson Local 1883's web site stands out with its sharp and creative design, and features the local president's message and photo and breaking news.

HONORABLE MENTION

Florida State Fire Service Association

www.iafflocals20.com

Produced by: Florida State Fire Service Association Local S-20

Submitted by: Florida State Fire Service Association Local S-20

The Florida State Fire Service Association Local S-20 web site does a lot with a little. The most eye-catching element is a slideshow of fire service photos. The site also includes feeds for Twitter, Facebook and the IAFF Frontline blog.

HONORABLE MENTION

Lincoln Rescue & Firefighters IAFF Local 3023

<http://local3023>

Produced by: Lincoln, RI Local 3023

Submitted by: Lincoln, RI Local 3023

The Lincoln Local 3023 web site is simple but includes all of the information anyone would need to learn about the local and its members, as well as contact information and links to fire station web sites.

HONORABLE MENTION

Collinsville Fire Fighters IAFF Local 2625

www.iaff2625.org

Produced by: Collinsville, IL Local 2625

Submitted by: Collinsville, IL Local 2625

There is a lot more to the Collinsville Local 2625 web site than meets the eye. The homepage is elegant in its design while the entire site is functional and informative. It offers not just photos of personnel, apparatus and incidents, but it also offers members the latest news and whitepapers on best practices.

BEST IAFF AFFILIATE PUBLIC RELATIONS OR POLITICAL CAMPAIGN PROJECT

FIRST PLACE

No on Issue 2/Repeal Senate Bill 5

Produced by: Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters

Submitted by: Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters

The Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters (OAPFF) was an integral part of the coalition to repeal Senate Bill 5 that would have stripped collective bargaining rights away from all public employees. The OAPFF deployed its legions of members to collect signatures to repeal the law and to spread the word. The campaign included broadcast ads, YouTube videos, direct mail and other literature and yard signs. The repeal passed 62 percent to 38 percent due in large part to the work of the OAPFF.



Best IAFF Affiliate Public Relations or Political Campaign Project
First Place: No on Issue 2/Repeal Senate Bill 5, Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters

SECOND PLACE (TIE)

OPFFA 2011 Ontario Provincial Election Political Toolkit

Produced by: Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association

Submitted by: Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association

This toolkit served as an excellent resource to help Canadian affiliates in Ontario get involved in the political process. This manual provided detailed information on all provincial



Best IAFF Affiliate Public Relations or Political Campaign Project Second Place Tie: OPFFA 2011 Ontario Provincial Election Political Toolkit, Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association

candidates, as well as clear rationales for why the Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association (OPFFA) threw its muscle behind Premier Dalton McGuinty and other like-minded candidates. It also provided talking points and other action materials for members to use in support of candidates.

SECOND PLACE (TIE)

Not Gravy Campaign

Produced by: Toronto, ON Local 3888

Submitted by: Toronto, ON Local 3888

Toronto Local 3888 created an innovative public relations campaign to counter Mayor Rob Ford's efforts to slash fire department resources. Using Ford's rhetoric that suggested fire fighters are riding a "grave train," the local built a web site dubbed "Not Gravy" (www.notgravy.ca) to defend fire fighters and mobilize a counter punch. The site has generated good local media buzz.



Best IAFF Affiliate Public Relations or Political Campaign Project
Second Place Tie: "Check Your Seats in the Heat" Car Safety Campaign, Henderson, NV Local 1883

SECOND PLACE (TIE)

"Check Your Seats in the Heat" Car Safety Campaign

Produced by: Henderson, NV Local 1883

Submitted by: Henderson, NV Local 1883

Henderson Local 1883 generated a good bit of media during the summer of 2011 with the launch of its "Check Your Seats in the Heat" car safety campaign. The campaign was designed to raise awareness about not leaving children, seniors or pets in hot cars — a common problem in southern Nevada. The campaign included grassroots efforts, community outreach, public service announcements and a press conference.

HONORABLE MENTION

"That's My Job" public service announcement

Produced by: Albuquerque, NM Local 244

Submitted by: Albuquerque, NM Local 244

In October 2011, Albuquerque Local 244 released its second "That's My Job" public service campaign focusing on fire fighter/paramedics. The 30-second PSA video showed fire fighters on the job with the message, "Responding to your call within minutes to save a life — that's my job." The PSAs generated traffic on YouTube and other social media.

HONORABLE MENTION

CPF Firevision

Produced by: California Professional Firefighters

Submitted by: California Professional Firefighters

CPF Firevision (www.cpfirevision.org) is a

multi-platform news web site that provides twice-monthly video news reports on the California Professional Firefighters. The videos and images from the frontlines can be found on the web on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and other platforms.

HONORABLE MENTION

Vote No on Issue 2 at the

Cleveland Browns game

Produced by: Cleveland, OH Local 93 and

Euclid, OH Local 337

Submitted by: Cleveland, OH Local 93

As the statewide ballot initiative to repeal SB 5 approached last November, Cleveland Local 93 and Euclid Local 337 combined efforts to encourage Ohioans to "Vote No on Issue 2" and repeal Governor John Kasich's assault on public employee collective bargaining. These locals staged a press event outside a Cleveland Brown NFL football game. More than 100 fire fighters canvassed tailgaters and distributed flyers, signs and T-shirts, with a good bit of the material finding its way into the stadium for national television exposure.

HONORABLE MENTION

"Worth Every Penny"

Produced by: Little Rock, AR Local 34

Submitted by: Little Rock, AR Local 34

In September 2011, Little Rock Local 34 endorsed and campaigned to pass a 1 cent local sales tax increase for the City of Little Rock. The local launched its "Worth Every Penny" campaign with signs, flyers and door-to-door canvassing. The campaign included a step van covered with "Worth Every Penny" graphics. The 1 cent increase passed by 1,730 votes.

BEST AFFILIATE SPECIAL ONE-TIME/ANNUAL PUBLICATION PROJECT

FIRST PLACE

WTC: In Their Own Words

Produced by: Uniformed Firefighters

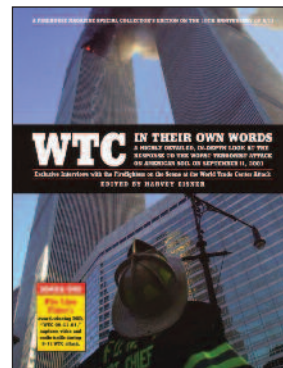
Association of New York Local 94 and

Firehouse Magazine

Submitted by: Uniformed Firefighters

Association of New York Local 94

A decade after the September 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center, the Uniformed Firefighters Association of New York Local 94 and *Firehouse* magazine published a special edition in tribute to the 343 FDNY fire fighters who lost their lives protecting their fellow citizens. Spanning 274 four-color pages, the magazine provides a detailed account of the attacks and the response in the words of scores of fire fighters. The issue also includes a DVD.



Best Affiliate Special One-Time/Annual Publication Project
First Place: WTC: In Their Own Words, Uniformed Firefighters Association of New York Local 94

SECOND PLACE

California Firefighters Memorial Booklet 2011

Produced by: California Fire Foundation

Submitted by: California Fire Foundation

In 2011, the California Professional Firefighters (CPF) added the names of 30 fire fighters to its Memorial Wall. To commemorate the memorial service honoring the fallen, CPF produced a slick booklet containing the names, photos and brief bios of each fire fighter.



Best Affiliate Special One-Time/Annual Publication Project Second Place: California Firefighters Memorial Booklet 2011, California Fire Foundation

HONORABLE MENTION

Splash Page for the S-20 Web Site

Produced by: Florida State Fire Service

Association IAFF Local S-20

Submitted by: Union Centrics

On June 21, 2011, the Florida State Fire Service Association lost two wildland fire fighters in a tragic line-of-duty death at the Blue Ribbon Fire. With the help of Union Centrics, the Florida State Fire Service Association produced a special splash page within its web site within hours of the tragic event. The artwork was saved and recreated as a framed poster that resides in the affiliate's office.

BEST FIRE SERVICE PHOTO TAKEN BY AN IAFF MEMBER

FIRST PLACE

"Bigelow Fire"

Photo by: Michael Hoyer

Submitted by: Green Valley, AZ Local 4125

Michael Hoyer shot this photo at the Bigelow fire in Coronado National forest near Mt. Lemon, Arizona. The photo is of a hotshot



Best Fire Service Photo Taken by an IAFF Member First Place: "Bigelow Fire" Green Valley, AZ Local 4125

crew member (name unknown) who helped contain the fire in an aggressive coordinated attack by local, state and out-of-state crews.

SECOND PLACE

"Looking Up"

Photo by: Chris King

Submitted by: Norwalk, CT Local 830

This is a picture of Shea, infant son of Norwalk Local 830 fire fighter Chris King, during an open house at the firehouse. King's wife noticed their son as he approached lockers filled with turnouts and stopped in his tracks to look. The photo captures a perfect moment as a child becomes enthralled with fire fighters.



Best Fire Service Photo Taken by an IAFF Member Second Place (Tie): "Looking Up" Norwalk, CT Local 830

HONORABLE MENTION

"Apartment Complex Fire"

Photo by: Chris Mickal

Submitted by: New Orleans, LA Local 632

This photo was taken during a four-alarm fire at a three-story apartment building in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, that was started from cooking. The wide picture captures two ladders fully extended and dousing fire on the roof of the building.

HONORABLE MENTION

"One Last Time"

Photo by: Derick Ritter

Submitted by: Winona, MN Local 575

A fire fighter drains hose on a hot June evening during his last fire call before retirement. The lighting is just right and captures the face of a man in deep concentration and thought.

HONORABLE MENTION

"South Nashville House Fire"

Photo by: Buddy Byers

Submitted by: Nashville, TN Local 140

Nashville Local 140 fire fighters attack a fire in South Nashville, Tennessee. The picture captures perfectly the moment when fire fighters confront dangerous flames and move in to suppress.

HONORABLE MENTION

"Heavy Fire Showing"

Photo by: Rob Reardon

Submitted by: Duxbury, MA Local 2167

Fire Fighters in Wareham, Massachusetts, battle a four-alarm fire. This photo captures a moment of intense cooperation when the team has run a ladder up to the roof of a house and are heading up to attack the flames.

HONORABLE MENTION

"In the Fire"

Photo by: Joel Green

Submitted by: Plainfield, NJ Local 3527

This shot was taken during a training class, and captures fire fighter students staring intently at a simulated flame while another fire fighter conducts a drill.

HONORABLE MENTION

"Wood Cuts Wood"

Photo by: Jarrett Wood

Submitted by: Alexandria, VA Local 2141

A City of Alexandria Local 2141 fire fighter recruit practices cutting a flat roof during a training evolution in October 2011. The image captures the subject's intense concentration against a beautiful blue sky.

BEST PINK T-SHIRT

FIRST PLACE

Searching for a Cure

Produced by: Bangor, ME Local 772

Submitted by: Bangor, ME Local 772

This understated T-shirt effectively merges the official logo of Bangor Local 772 with an image of a pink ribbon signifying the fight against breast cancer.

SECOND PLACE

Waukegan Fire Fighters, WA Local 473 Breast Cancer Awareness

Produced by: Waukegan, WA Local 473

Submitted by: Waukegan, WA Local 473

This T-Shirt makes good use of the color pink for the fight to find a cure for breast cancer.

The front of the shirt has the official Waukegan Local 473 logo with a bold "WFD" (for Waukegan Fire Department) splayed across the back. ■



Best Pink T-Shirt First Place: Searching for a Cure, Bangor, ME Local 772



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Election 2012



Support Those Who Support Us

As November 6, 2012, looms closer, the IAFF and its affiliates are mobilized, organizing campaign events, making literature drops and wearing the IAFF gold-and-black to help their political friends keep or win their seats in upcoming presidential, congressional, gubernatorial and state and local elections.

While the IAFF will never tell you how to vote, it is this union's responsibility to make it crystal clear which candidates support IAFF members on the job, and which want to keep fire departments fully staffed and support fire fighters' rights to have a voice in the workplace. It is the IAFF's responsibility to let its members know which candidates support protecting collective bargaining and worker rights and which candidates will work hard to protect IAFF members' retirement security after a career serving their communities.

This election isn't about party labels. This election is about electing those who support fire fighters and paramedics and will work to protect what IAFF members have earned — fair pay, worker rights and benefits.

Governors May Be Best Defense Against Labor Attacks in States

Many confrontations over fire fighter rights and pensions have been at the state level, and the IAFF will continue to help win races where the stakes are high. Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Washington are states where members can help elect a fire fighter friendly governor. States with labor-friendly governors who are favored to keep their seats include Vermont, Missouri and West Virginia.

Montana

It's crucial that the next governor of Montana is one who stands with fire fighters and against anti-labor,

anti-worker bills like those many states have been fighting for the last two years.

The Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters (MSCOPFF) believes Attorney General Steve Bullock will serve in the best interests of fire fighters and the rest of labor.



This election isn't about party labels. This election is about electing those who support fire fighters and paramedics and the IAFF will work to protect what IAFF members have earned — fair pay, worker rights and benefits.

"Bullock has promised to prevent any attempts to take away our existing rights and benefits," says MSCOPFF President Joel Fassbinder. "By contrast, Bullock's Republican challenger, former state Representative Rick Hill, is likely to make attacks on public employee bargaining a priority."

In the last legislative session, Governor Brian Schweitzer (D) (who is not running for re-election due to term limits) was able to thwart attempts to pass a Right-to-Work bill and legislation that would have allowed volunteer fire fighters to protect Montana's larger cities.

Fassbinder's concern if Hill wins is that both the state House and Senate will feel emboldened to push those and similar pieces of anti-labor legislation.

Meanwhile, the MSCOPFF is also actively involved in several state Senate and House campaigns involving IAFF members — Billings Local 521 member Joe Sands and retired Missoula Local 271 member (and former local president) Tom Steenberg are both running for state legislative seats.

New Hampshire

The Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire (PFFNH) has been able to stop attacks on collective bargaining rights, retirement plans and other benefits — with the help of Governor John Lynch.

Now, PFFNH members must work to elect a new labor-friendly governor. The PFFNH has endorsed former state Senate Majority Leader Maggie Hassan (D), who has publicly opposed attacks on collective bargaining. She has also accused opponent Ovide Lamontagne of wanting to move the state backward with his divisive politics. Lamontagne, who has labeled himself Wisconsin Governor "Scott Walker on steroids," is an advocate for Right-to-Work legislation.

PFFNH members understand the importance of having a governor who will protect public safety and the rights of public employees.

"Last session was tough and we do not want the next session to be the same," says PFFNH President Dave Lang. "To have that firewall, that buffer, in the governors' mansion will be critical."

The PFFNH has also endorsed and is assisting several state legislature candidates, including fire fighters.

North Carolina

The Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics of North Carolina (PFFPNC) has endorsed labor-friendly Lieutenant Governor Walter Dalton for governor. There is good reason to hope that Dalton will win the seat, but there is still work to be done.

"Although Dalton is the current lieutenant governor, he struggles with name recognition," says PFFPNC President Dave Anders. "The other challenge we face with his campaign is convincing voters to cast their ballots." In the last election, fewer voters than expected turned out.

If Dalton loses to his rival and former mayor of Charlotte, Pat McCrory, the state legislature will likely adopt an anti-worker, anti-union agenda with pensions the number-one target.

"Because we were steadfast in our lobbying efforts, we were able to hold off harmful legislation at every turn," says Anders. "Fighting off these attacks will be exceedingly more difficult without a labor-friendly governor."

North Carolina fire fighters are also holding out hope that they may be able to flip the state Senate. "We need six seats,"

says Anders. "Many say that it can't be done, but the PFFPNC will be working with other labor organizations to try to get it done."

Washington

The outlook is good for the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters (WSCFF). It has endorsed former U.S. Representative Jay Inslee (D), who is currently leading challenger, Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna (R), in recent polling.

"In the final weeks before the November election, anything can happen," says WSCFF President Kelly Fox. IAFF members across the state are working closely with the Inslee campaign to maintain and increase support.

The WSCFF is also paying special attention to state Senate races. In the last legislative session, senators on both sides of the aisle voted to lower the contribution rate for the fire fighters' pension plan.

"If the makeup of the Senate flips, it will be difficult for IAFF members and the rest of labor during budget discussions," says Fox.

Additionally, Washington state IAFF locals are supporting two members who

are vying for a seat in the state House — Kent Local 1747 member Bud Sizemore and Clallam County Local 2933 member Kevin VanDeWege.



The WSCFF was asked to attend a special event with former President Bill Clinton as the keynote speaker at the Washington Convention Center. As an additional honor, the WSCFF was one of the selected groups invited to meet Clinton. The former president accepted a "Fire Fighters for Inslee" T-shirt as a gift.

IAFF Member Candidates

No one is better qualified to represent IAFF members or best positioned to act on fire fighter issues as elected leaders than other IAFF members.

Listed below are IAFF members or family members running for elected office in the November 2012 election who have received an IAFF FIREPAC contribution or whose local requested support from the IAFF.

Name	Local	Office	Name	Local	Office
David Ball	Huntington, WV Local 289	City Council	Jerry Marinich	Binghamton, NY Local 729	County Legislator
Bill Batey	Riverside, CA Local 1067	State Assembly	Kevin Murray	Janesville, WI Local 580	State Representative
Kenneth Boelter	Coons Rapid, MN Local 1935	City Council	Ben Nutter	Tiffin, OH Local 322	County Commissioner
Russell Boland	Salem, NH Local 2892	State Representative	Mike O'Brien	Nashua, NH Local 789	State Representative
Chris Brase	Muscatine, IA Local 608	State Senate	John Ocegüera	North Las Vegas, NV Local 1607	State Representative
Eric Brenneman	West Des Moines, IA Local 3586	State Representative	Eric Palangas	Manchester, NH Local 856	State Representative
Mike Buxton	Nashua, NH Local 789	State Representative	Amy Stasia Perkins	Spouse of IAFF Member	State Representative
Stephen Casey	Woonsocket, RI Local 732	State Representative	Lawrence "Koko" Perkins	Seabrook, NH Local 2847	State Representative
Mike Clelland	Longwood, FL Local 3163	State Representative	Justin Pluess	Wisconsin Rapids, WI Local 425	State Representative
Tyler Cobb	Columbia, TN Local 4381	State Senator	Mark Proulx	Nashua, NH Local 789	State Representative
Gary Coulombe	Berlin, NH Local 1088	State Representative	Jeffrey Renner	Oklahoma City, OK Local 157	State Representative
Jeff Danielson	Waterloo, IA Local 1366	State Senate	Brian Rhodes	Nashua, NH Local 789	State Representative
Bradley Diel	Champaign, IL Local 1260	Champaign County Board	Brandon Rutherford	Bluegrass Army Depot, KY Local F-291	Berea City Council
Thomas Exum	Colorado Springs, CO Local 5	State Representative	Joe Sands	Billings, MT Local 521	State Representative
Joe Fender	Cheyenne, WY Local 279	State Representative	Troy Saunders	Nashua, NH Local 789	State Representative
Randy Frye	Indianapolis, IN Local 416	State Representative	Erik Simonson	Duluth, MN Local 10	State Representative
Daniel Forestal	Indianapolis, IN Local 416	State Representative	Tim Soucy	Nashua, NH Local 789	State Representative
Pat Garrity	Manchester, NH Local 856	State Representative	Dale Spainhower	Dover, NH Local 1312	State Representative
Jeff Goley	Manchester, NH Local 856	State Representative	Kevin St. James	Exeter, NH Local 3491	State Representative
Greg Hartman	Renton, WA Local 864	State Representative	Tom Steenberg	Missoula, MT Local 271	State Representative
Carl Hosticka	Father of IAFF Member	State Representative	Daniel Sullivan	Manchester, NH Local 856	State Representative
Kenneth Hubbard	Alpena, MI Local 623	State Representative	Curry Todd	Memphis, TN Local 1784	State Representative
Harry Irwin	Somersworth, NH Local 2320	State Representative	Chad Vaillancourt	Laconia, NH Local 1153	State Representative
Emily Kane	Albuquerque, NM Local 244	State Representative	Kenneth Ward	Portsmouth, NH Local 1313	State Representative
Scott Kelsh	Fargo, ND Local 642	State Auditor	Andrew White	Lebanon, NH Local 3197	State Representative
Ben Lefebvre	Hanover, NH Local 3288	State Representative	Jeff Winters	Sioux Falls, SD Local 814	State Representative

IAFF State Affiliates Work to Shore Up Firewall in the U.S. Senate

As of mid-September, odds were 50-50 that Democrats will lose their majority in the U.S. Senate, crumbling a critical legislative firewall between the rights and benefits of fire fighters and the politicians who are attacking them.

"This is crunch time for fire fighters across the IAFF," says IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger. "If our members don't want to continue fighting bitterly to defend rights they have earned, then we must be engaged. It's time to vote for public safety and your livelihoods."

Currently, Democrats hold a slim majority in the Senate with 51 to 47 Republicans, as well as two Independents who have caucused with the left side of the aisle. But with 33 Senate seats up for election this November — 10 of which are vacated by retirements — the stakes are high.

For the past two years, the IAFF and its affiliates have focused much of their energy on state-level battles after the 2010 mid-term election spawned anti-labor lawmakers in statehouses across the country.

While those threats remain, the battle in the U.S. Senate looms large.

During President Barack Obama's term, the Senate has helped keep harmful legislation from getting further than the unfriendly majority in the House of

Representatives.

Notably, the House Budget plan sponsored by Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI), chair of the Budget Committee — and now also Mitt Romney's running mate — never got to a vote in the Senate. That's a good thing for IAFF members.

Senate Republicans and the Ryan budget call for extending the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and even give millionaires and billionaires more tax cuts — as much as \$265,000 — on top of the Bush tax cuts. To pay for this big hole in the federal budget, middle-class tax breaks will be on the chopping block, including the tax exclusion for employer-provided health care and mortgage interest deductions.

In addition, Senator Orin Hatch, the

Stakes High in State House and Senate Elections

In some states, there are no gubernatorial elections, but state House and Senate races could make the difference for fire fighters.

Maine

In Maine, Governor Paul LePage's anti-union sentiment is no secret, and the Professional Fire Fighters of Maine (PFFM) has not been able to count on state leaders to stop anti-worker legislation.

"In the last legislative session, legislators proposed four Right-to-Work bills," says PFFM President John Martell. "But thanks to our rallies in the state House and our lobbying efforts, none of them made it out of committee."

The PFFM is hoping its efforts will help flip the state House or Senate in favor of labor this election cycle. The PFFM is also supporting Orono Local 3106 member Benjamin Pratt and Biddeford Local 3107 member David Dutremble as they vie for state House seats.

"If we can turn one of the houses, it may be the block we need against Governor LePage," says Martell.

Nevada

Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval (R) has publicly admitted he would support weakening collective bargaining in 2013. And if control of the state legislature changes, he has a better chance of getting his way.

"If control of the Senate changes hands, Senator Michael Roberson — who has not been a friend of labor — will become the Majority leader, so the stakes are high," says Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada (PFFN) President Rusty McAllister. Senator Roberson has tried to push four bills that would have weakened collective bargaining. Additionally, Roberson has set his sights on reforming the public employee retirement system.

In the Nevada Assembly, Majority Leader Marcus Conklin is in a dogfight with challenger Wes Duncan. "This one could come down to just a few votes. We have to do everything we can to make sure those who are friendly to us win their seats," says McAllister.

Iowa

If there is a shift in power in the Iowa Senate, the Iowa Professional Fire Fighters

(IPFF) fear attacks on labor will continue and it will become more difficult to protect worker rights and benefits.

Current Governor Terry Branstad has opposed collective bargaining since it was passed. No matter who holds the majority in the Senate, IPFF President Rick Scofield is hopeful that two fire fighters holding seats in the upper Chamber can be the voice of fire fighters. Senator Jeff Danielson, current Senate President Pro Tempore and a member of Cedar Falls Local 1366, is running for re-election and Muscatine Local 608 member Chris Brase is running for a new seat.

The IPFF is also supporting West Des Moines Local 3586 fire fighter Eric Brenneman, who will win a seat in the House.

While Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton is a friend to IAFF members and public sector employees, it has not stopped the state legislature from trying to pass anti-worker bills. Governor Dayton vetoed 19 bad bills in the last session.

While it is possible to turn both the Senate and the House in favor of labor, the chances are better for a Senate flip.

Minnesota

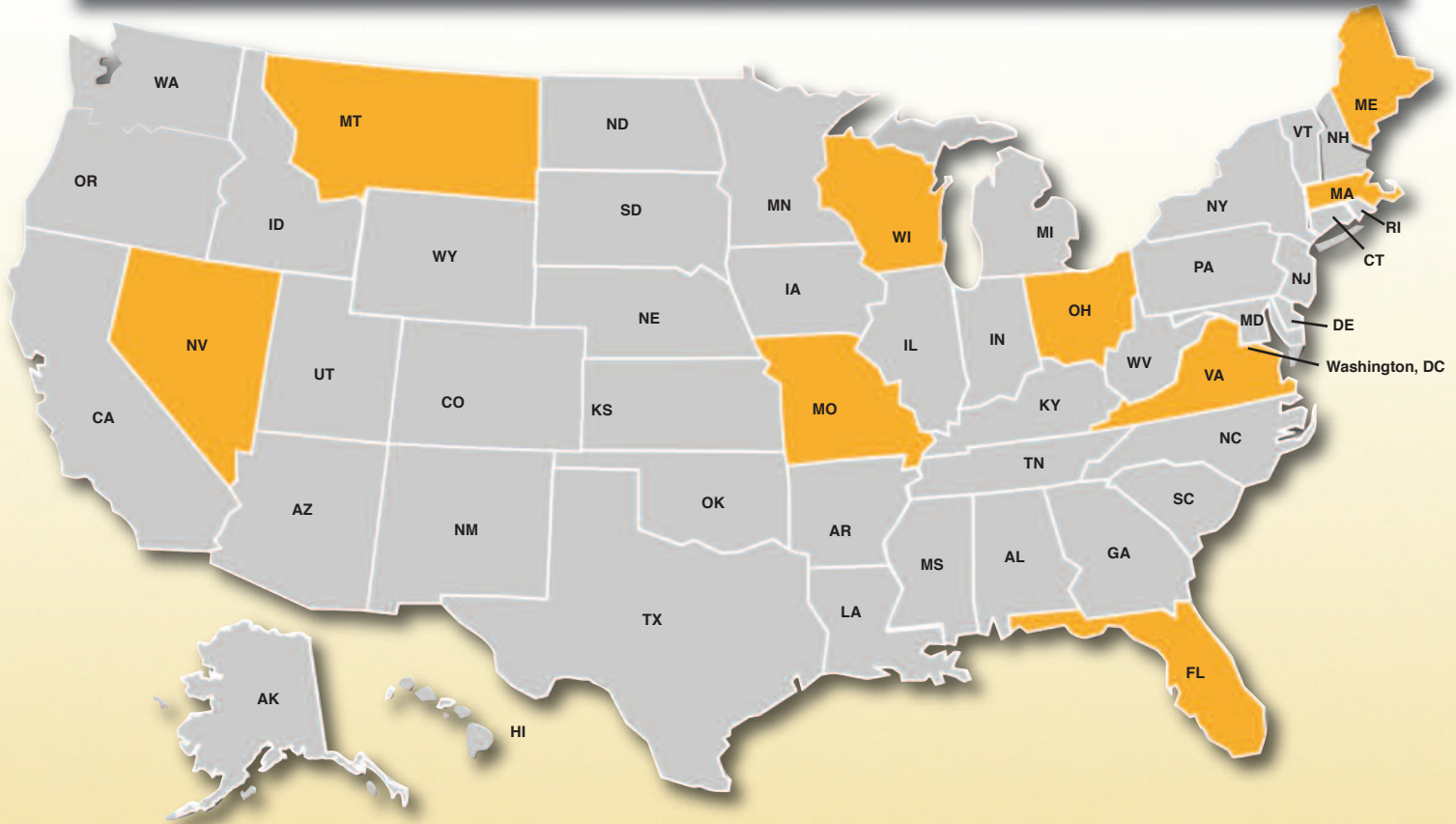
The Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters (MPFF) knows all too well why it's important to have state legislators voting on the side of labor. "Last session, some of our state leaders proposed a Right-to-Work constitutional amendment," says IAFF 5th District Vice President and MPFF President Tom Thornberg. "It took lobbying and educating both Democrats and Republicans to stop it."

The MPFF's efforts are also focused on supporting Duluth, MN Local 101 President Erik Simonson's campaign for the state House. ■



The Professional Fire Fighters of Maine endorsed former Maine Governor Angus King (l) for U.S. Senate. King is running to fill the seat left open by the retiring U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe.

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ranking member on the Senate Finance Committee, has said he wants to abolish all public sector defined benefit plans.

For the last two years, the Senate has been a proactive force for IAFF members and other public employees. But now those who championed the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program face tough re-election battles. SAFER funding has brought thousands of fire fighters who lost their jobs due to the recession back to work.

The outcome of the 2012 election will determine if federal support for local fire service will continue or if funding for SAFER and other grants will die.

That's why grassroots mobilization is critical in these Senate races. The IAFF is coordinating an aggressive political effort to keep a fire fighter-friendly Senate, as well as re-elect President Obama and Vice President Biden (see pages 30-31). In addition, the IAFF and its affiliates are rolling out a massive member-to-member education effort across key battleground states giving IAFF members the tools and resources to reach voters before November.

IAFF affiliates are engaged in several important Senate races where so much hangs in the balance.



The Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts is supporting Elizabeth Warren for U.S. Senate.

Massachusetts

On September 21, delegates attending the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts (PFFM) annual meeting made official what a rising number in its ranks had begun to realize. Senator Scott Brown is no friend to fire fighters and it is time for him to leave Washington. PFFM delegates voted unanimously to endorse challenger Elizabeth Warren, who has held close to Brown in the polls.

"Our country faces huge spending issues and someone is going to have to pay for it," says PFFM President Ed Kelly. "If the GOP has its way, these debts are coming off our backs. Like Warren, we believe it is time for the richest 2 percent to start paying their fair share."

To help Warren win, the PFFM — with assistance from the IAFF — is dispatching a wrapped bus emblazoned with the gold and black to support Warren as she campaigns across the state. In addition, members are joining the AFL-CIO's grassroots mobilization effort.

"We are working hard to educate our members about the significance of this election, and we are confident that the PFFM can make a difference on November 6," Kelly says.

Montana

In the Senate race in Montana, Jon Tester, who has been a loyal ally of IAFF members, is defending his Senate seat against a clear adversary to this union.

Tester has earned repeated endorsements from the Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters (MSCOPFF) and has supported and advocated for the SAFER grant program.

His opponent, Representative Dennis Rehberg, has a clear record of voting against fire fighters' interests, opposing the James Zagroda 9/11 Health Compensation Act and consistently voting against federal funding for fire fighters.

The race between Tester and Rehberg will be very close. MSCOPFF President Joel Fassbinder says the campaign has been increasingly nasty with an endless tide of negative television ads.

The MSCOPFF is working hard to get members focused on the records of the candidates as they relate to the fire service. It has formed a political alliance with the Montana state AFL-CIO and is assisting Tester at his many campaign events.

"This is a bitter fight here, and I think it will go down to the bitter end," says Fassbinder.

Virginia

Another tight race is in Virginia, where two popular former governors are competing to fill the seat being vacated by Democratic Senator Jim Webb. If Republican George Allen defeats Tim Kaine, the GOP will pick up at least one of the four seats needed to take control of the Senate.

The stakes for fire fighters in the Senate race are extremely high. President of the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters (VPFF) Michael Mohler believes an Allen win in November would fuel the state legislators' attacks on public employee rights and benefits.

"This race is huge for us in the state, and we need to do everything we can to boost enthusiasm for Kaine," says Mohler.

Ohio

The Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters (OAPFF) is all in for Senator Sherrod Brown in his bid to fend off GOP challenger Josh Mandel.

OAPFF President Mark Sanders says the labor coalition in Ohio remains engaged a year after voters rejected Governor John Kasich's anti-collective bargaining law. In addition to supporting fire fighters and other public employees in their efforts to repeal the SB 5 legislation, IAFF members in Ohio also remember Brown's record while serving in the state legislature when he ensured public safety employers were included in the state's first public employee collective bargaining law in 1983.

Mandel, currently Ohio State Treasurer, has never missed an opportunity to line up on the opposite side of fire fighters on any issue.

"Sherrod Brown has been with us through thick and thin. Throughout his career he has had our backs, and we are going to have his back come November," says Sanders.

Florida

The leadership of the Florida Professional Firefighters (FPF) calls Senator Bill Nelson "Fire Marshall Bill" because of his intense support for fire fighters.

Nelson can expect that the FPF will return the favor this fall as it mobilizes to help him fend off his challenger, Representative Connie Mack.

"We have supported Bill Nelson for decades because he has helped us time and again — first when he was state treasurer and during his two terms as senator," says FPF President Gary Rainey.

Leaving nothing to chance, the FPF is sending members door-to-door to shore up support for Nelson. Some are also offering to serve as drivers for Nelson campaign events.

While the polls look good for Nelson, Rainey says, "We cannot take anything for granted."

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Democrats face a unique challenge among other battleground Senate races. Former Governor Tommy Thompson, a popular moderate, faces U.S. Representative Tammy Baldwin in November.

The Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin (PFFW) is throwing its full weight behind Representative Tammy Baldwin to take the seat now occupied by Herb Kohl, a Democrat who is retiring.

"We have endorsed Tammy Baldwin and are helping with boots on the ground," says PFFW President Mahlon Mitchell, who has been traveling the state with her on campaign stops.

Mitchell notes, "Following Governor Scott Walker's attacks on public unions, our members are more engaged in the political process than ever."

Missouri

Until Todd Akin's ruminations on the campaign trail about his views on "legitimate rape," Senator Claire McCaskill's Senate seat seemed like an easy opportunity for Republicans to take over.

Now McCaskill has a chance to hold on in November.

President of the Missouri State Council of Fire Fighters Tony Kelley says McCaskill supports fire fighters and federal grant programs for fire departments.



The Missouri State Council of Fire Fighters (MSCFF) is supporting Senator Claire McCaskill for re-election. Pictured with McCaskill is MSCFF President Tony Kelley (left) and MSCFF Vice President Eric Latimer.

Nevada

The Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada (PFFN) is standing with Representative Shelley Berkley to unseat Senator Dean Heller.

PFFN President Raymond "Rusty" McAllister says, "Nevada fire fighters will stand behind Berkley as she works to unseat

Heller. We need more people like Berkley in the U.S. Senate who are willing to defend the rights of hard-working public employees like fire fighters."

The Difference Matters

On issues ranging from pensions to taxes to protective gear and equipment and dozens of other matters, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden have demonstrated their commitment to professional fire fighters, fighting for policies that protect IAFF members' livelihoods and standing on the frontlines against the attacks from those who want to take away collective bargaining, raid pensions, and wipe out other rights and benefits.



Waterloo, IA Local 66 member Mike Dufel had the honor of introducing President Barack Obama at an August 14 campaign appearance in Waterloo.

That's why the IAFF endorsed President Obama and Vice President Biden for re-election — because they have the strongest record on issues affecting fire fighters (see page 31 for a side-by-side comparison) and will protect IAFF members' rights, job safety and futures.

Mitt Romney, on the other hand, has been on every side of every issue. He was for health care before he was against it. He was for raising the minimum wage before he was against it. He actively supported the Vietnam war draft, but dodged the draft when it was his time to serve.

During his tenure as governor of Massachusetts, Romney took every opportunity to take from the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts (PFFM), whose members had the misfortune of suffering the cuts he imposed and were forced to fight back to protect the rights and benefits they had earned and deserved.

If Romney is elected, he will make it his mission to undermine labor and destroy unions.

Learn more at www.firefightersforobama.com and the Fire Fighters for Obama Facebook page. ■

RETIREMENT SECURITY



OBAMA-BIDEN

- ☒ Want to protect defined benefit pensions for fire fighters
- ☒ Overturned regulations that would have made it harder to retire at a normal retirement age with a full pension
- ☒ Derailed legislation sponsored by Representative Paul Ryan that would undermine public pensions
- ☒ As senator, Obama led the opposition to mandatory Social Security

ROMNEY-RYAN



- ☐ Consistently undermine retirement security for fire fighters
- ☐ As governor, Romney proposed replacing state's defined benefit plan with a 401(k)-style plan
- ☐ As governor, Romney shorted the state pension fund by \$645 million
- ☐ In his book, Romney wrote that "it made no sense" to provide fire fighters with their full pension and health benefits after 25 years of service

FIRE FIGHTER JOBS

OBAMA-BIDEN

- ☒ Doubled funding for SAFER grant program
- ☒ Implemented SAFER waivers to prevent fire fighter layoffs and bring laid-off fire fighters back to work
- ☒ Provided more than \$1 million to increase the number of fire fighters
- ☒ Asked Congress to create more fire fighter jobs to increase public safety and strengthen the economy

ROMNEY-RYAN

- ☐ Opposed SAFER grant program and as president Romney would shift homeland security dollars away from first responders
- ☐ Romney says public sector workers have a poor work ethic compared to private sector workers
- ☐ Romney claimed that the Wisconsin recall election proved that America "doesn't need more firemen, more policemen or more teachers"

YOUR RIGHTS AT WORK

OBAMA-BIDEN

- ☒ Support collective bargaining rights for fire fighters
- ☒ Opposed efforts to crack down on collective bargaining rights in Ohio and Wisconsin
- ☒ Oppose Right-to-Work for less legislation

ROMNEY-RYAN

- ☐ Supported anti-union attacks carried out by Ohio Governor John Kasich and Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker
- ☐ As governor, Romney tried to strip union membership from fire fighters
- ☐ Opposed legislation to provide for minimum collective bargaining rights for public safety employees
- ☐ Support Right-to-Work for less legislation

TAX FAIRNESS

OBAMA-BIDEN

- ☒ Want to extend Bush tax cuts for the middle class (those making less than \$250,000) — while ending them for the wealthy
- ☒ Oppose Romney/Ryan plan to raise taxes on the middle class to pay for tax cuts for millionaires

ROMNEY-RYAN

- ☐ Under Romney, middle-class Americans would see taxes go up by at least \$500, while the wealthy would receive tax cuts in excess of \$200,000
- ☐ Under Romney, important middle-class tax breaks — including employer-provided health care — will be on the chopping block

Throughout his travels on behalf of the IAFF and its affiliates...

General President Harold Schaitberger visits firehouses and union halls and attends other state and provincial events.



In Tennessee, General President Schaitberger attended a fundraiser supporting Columbia, TN Local 4381 member John Tyler "Ty" Cobb, who is running for a new state Senate seat created by Tennessee's redistricting process.



In front of Boston, MA Local 718's fire station that houses Engine 39 and Ladder 19, General President Schaitberger joined Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts (PFFM) President Ed Kelly and other PFFM members at a press conference announcing the PFFM's endorsement of Elizabeth Warren for U.S. Senate.



General President Schaitberger and General Secretary-Treasurer Tom Miller are pictured with delegates from Vancouver, WA Local 452 and Clark County, WA Local 1805 — host locals for the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters Annual Convention.



IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger rode with IAFF Motorcycle Group (IAFF-MG) members from the United States and Canada at the 6th Annual IAFF-MG Motorcycle Rally in Butte, Montana, in August. The three-day event included a poker run, live music and a custom car and bike show.



Retirees

A Salute to Dedication, Service and Courage

ALABAMA L0117 Birmingham—Ricky Milligan, Timothy Rawls, Terry Smith, L0270 Florence Professional Fire Fighters Association—Glenn Bevis, James Box, Richard Mathis, L0454 Gadsden—Randy Beddingfield, M. G. Burks, Kenneth Castleberry, Stan Clayton, Rickey Collie, Charles Glenn, R. Keith Gray, Luther Helms, Phillip Hutchens, L. B. Jackson, T. M. Keener, J. C. Kellett, Larry King, Lee Marker, Clifton Simpson, Kenny Watts, Don Wilson, O. D. Wright, L4035 Hoover—Bradley Fuller

ALBERTA L0209 Edmonton Fire Fighters Union—Terry Bucharski, Brad Dorval, Roger Estey, Ron Jeske, Tim Jones, Craig Kerry, Garry Klassen, Kevin Koch, John Kokotilo, Donald Kurach, John Mowat, Wayne Mundt, Eddie Paul, Chris Reading, Mel Roberts, Dennis Smith, Glen Strachan, Gary Thornton, Tim Vandenbrink, Ross Westbury, Kevin Wiens, Myron Yaremkevich, L0255 Calgary—Robert Akins, William Aldred, Bill Chabeniuk, Brett Eeles, Dan Lebsack, Dan Lee, Herb Maekelburger, Brian Meier, Jeff Trudeau, Alexander Whittleton, L2130 St. Albert—George Czech, Lyall Hutchinson, Debra Robichaud, Kim Smyth

ARIZONA L0493 Phoenix—Gibson Gorman, George Velasco, Nathan White, Phil Yeager, L1505 Flagstaff—Michael Hanks, L2260 Mesa—Russ McKinney, L3066 United Yavapai—Dale Slothower, L4125 Green Valley—Bill Bohling, Gary Pundt, L4217 White Mountain—Charles Benson, L4492 Professional Fire Fighters of Sierra Vista—Thomas Fenn

ARKANSAS L0014 Pine Bluff Fire Fighters Association—Timothy Coats, L0033 Fort Smith—Neil Brownlow, L2765 Benton—Richard Childress

BRITISH COLUMBIA L0018 Vancouver—Norman Knapp, G. W. Muir, L0323 Burnaby—Nigel Colclough, Keith Furlotte, Gary Johnson, Edward Rossiter, L0730 Victoria—Richard Farrell, Bruce McLean, L0913 Kamloops—Jennifer Gehl, L0941 Trail—Dave Civitarese, L0967 Saanich—Scott Melville, L1271 Surrey—Richard McPhee, Daniel Paine, Raymond Smith, A. J. Unwin, L1286 Richmond—John Larsen, Roy Weighton, L1782 Coquitlam—Gordon Gelhorn

CALIFORNIA L0112 Los Angeles City—John Chatman, Joe Espinoza, Greg Ikeda, Lynn McClain, Gerald Molina, Jerry Rose, Wesley Shundo, David Soto, Kiyoji Terada, James Walter, L0188 Richmond—Harry Thompson, L0456 Stockton—Edward Lovdahl, Thomas Parker, Steve Specht, L0522 Sacramento—Duane Arend, Robert Carter, Kelly Heavin, Timothy Maybee, Christian Pebbles, Tim Stanbach, L0525 Santa Barbara City—Heidi Rockenbach, L0753 Fresno—Franklin Cogburn, L0778 Burbank—Frank Walbert, L0798 San Francisco—John Barcojo, Trace Cavaretta, Mark Cherrington, John Diluzio, Felix Duag, Bruce Guitron, Leslie Moy, Tod Stephenson, L0809 Pasadena—Joe Clements, Myron Cooper, Armando Guerrero, William Johnson, Danny Serna, L0935 San Bernardino County—Jody Brumm, Dan Nunes, L1067 Riverside City—David Peurifoy, L1165 Santa Clara County—Steven Werner, Dennis McDowell, Rick Rozario, L1186 Fire Fighters Local 1186—Shawn Byrne, Lisa Dubnoff, L1227 Berkeley—Kurt Chun, Robert Humphrey, Jeffrey Johnson, L1230 Contra Costa County—Timothy Diaz, Teresa Pace, L1364 Ventura County—Gary Gallion, Julius Griggs, L1434

San Miguel—Alan Goodrich, L1689 Fremont—Edward Lyle, L1695 Clovis Fire Fighters—Vince DiSanto, L1775 Marin Professional Fire Fighters—Thomas Vallee, L2216 Compton—Thomas Collier, L2400 San Mateo County—Kim Davison, Rob DeHoney, Todd Ellis, Rick Franchi, David Gilliland, Richard Kelliher, Gregory McCarthy, Bruce Meisenbach, Martin Moore, Gerald Pera, Clifford Pierce, David Raymaker, Martin Schutt, Daniel Tomczak, L2881 CDF Fire Fighters—James Barry, Romie Buanno, Shaun Jewett, Chris Moore, Joaquin Silos, L3354 Huntington Beach—Daniel Keptra, L3473 Downey Firemen's Association—Bradley Van Ert, L3494 Davis—Kevin Kelly, Richard Potch, L3631 Orange County Professional Fire Fighters Association—Tim McIntyre, L4184 San Marcos—Jay Butler, L4349 Rancho Santa Fe Professional Fire Fighters Association—John Kinney, L4530 Fountain Valley Fire Fighters Union—James Ruth, L4691 Garden Valley Fire Fighters—Jeff Burch

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