



Sample Local Candidate Questionnaire

Remember to tailor the questionnaire to the election and candidate you are sending it to. Funding for your local may come from your municipality, but you may find yourself endorsing state level candidates and may need to ask them about specific state-level legislation.

Sample Introduction

On the following pages are the primary issues of concern to the members of the Professional Fire Fighters Association of [Local], [Local #]. [Local #] represents [number of local members] who live in the [area covered]. Your responses to these questions will be reviewed by the [local committee or PAC]. After reviewing your answers, you may be asked to meet with our committee so we can clarify your responses.

Sample Contact Information

If you have any questions or need any additional information before answering this questionnaire, please contact [name] at [number] or [email]. Please submit responses by [due date] to [email, online form or mailed in person].

Election/Dates: _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Campaign Committee Name: _____

Campaign Address: _____

Campaign Phone: _____

Campaign Email: _____

Campaign Contact Person Name: _____

Campaign Contact Person Email: _____

Campaign Contact Person Phone: _____

Have you ever held public office? Yes No

If so, which office and when? _____

Sample Questions

Below are sample questions to use as a starting point that you can elaborate on. Please feel free to add in state or local specific issues or policies that are the top priorities for your local that this elected official would have an opportunity to change. You can include as many questions as needed, but take into consideration the candidate's time.

1. Do you support fully staffing your local fire department? (describe what your local wants or what would be ideal) Yes No _____

2. Do you support collective bargaining for fire fighters and paramedics? Yes No _____

3. Would you fund essential equipment purchases? (describe what your local wants or needs, trucks, boots, etc.) Yes No _____

4. Do you support fully funding pensions? Yes No _____

5. Do you support state-level presumptive benefits? (enter specific issue areas here) Yes No

6. Do you support the common work standards established by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FSLA) and how that affects our department? Yes No _____
