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For me, the most powerful moment at January's Affiliate Leadership Training Summit took place when the two thousand-plus attendees at General Session were asked to raise their hands if they or a loved one had been impacted by cancer. Nearly every hand in the ballroom went up. It was never more clear that this is a battle we must win. Members are dying, families are suffering, and the fire service is being negatively impacted. We owe it to our brothers and sisters, and to future generations of fire fighters, to do everything in our power to change cancer as we know it.

The science is clear; the gear we put on to protect us is loaded with cancer-causing PFAS chemicals. That same science also tells us that exposure to our gear is directly related to several types of cancer and a host of other medical conditions.

As I travel the country, from my own firehouse back home to locals across our two nations, some tell me, "These PFAS are everywhere. There is nothing we can do." I'm told that this battle is too big, and I'm asked, "How can this union make a real difference?" I tell them my own story of how I continue to learn about the harmful effects of PFAS in our gear and the work I've done to learn as much as I can about the gear manufacturers and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) that sets the regulatory framework and standards concerning our bunker gear. I also tell our brothers and sisters that this IAFF has to get into the fight. We have to make the change that will save lives. We owe it to ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren.

In 2017, as your General Secretary-Treasurer, I was asked to thank several gear manufacturers at the IAFF Cancer Summit. You see, these manufacturers had sponsored the Cancer Summit, meaning they donated money to help defray the event's expenses. Other than my then-constitutional duties to report out at the IAFF Convention, the Cancer Summit was the only time I was asked to address the membership at a national IAFF event. If I knew then what I know now about these gear manufacturers, I can tell you the last thing I would have done was thank them.

It is a fact that chemical manufacturers have known, at least since the 1960s, that PFAS are harmful to humans. They hid that fact for generations, and only recently have various groups exposed these corporate practices and started to take action to combat these health risks.

ALTS hosted the world premiere of the documentary "BURNED: Protecting the Protectors." The documentary, produced by independent filmmaker Ethereal Films, tells the story of the battle to eradicate PFAS from our gear. The fight was begun by Diane Cotter, the wife of a fire fighter from Worcester, Mass., who was forced to retire early because of a cancer diagnosis. With assistance from others — including the Last Call Foundation's Kathy Crosby Bell, the mother of a fallen fire fighter — they sought the help of Dr. Graham Peaslee to conduct scientific research on turnout gear. Dr. Peaslee is a concurrent professor of chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Notre Dame. He is also a fellow of the American Chemical Society.

Dr. Peaslee began his testing of fire fighter turnout gear and found them "loaded" with PFAS. Shortly after his testing began, he determined that fire fighters had to be told immediately of this health risk.

This fight won't be easy, and it won't happen immediately. The fact that there is no commercially available PFAS-free bunker gear is all the more reason to take this battle on. We can't just say, "what can we do," and leave it to others to save our lives. **This IAFF must lead the charge**.

We are prepared to do so. We have our first-ever Chief Medical Officer who is spearheading this effort. We also have our first-ever Director of Science and Research. Both fire fighters, they have the education, technical experience, and real-world knowledge of the fire service to help us. We are studying all aspects of the problem, from the standards-setting bodies around turnout gear to the connection between PFAS in our gear and the wildly increased cancer rates within our ranks. It doesn't take a genius to make the connection.

This fight will be waged in corporate boardrooms and courtrooms, in the halls of Congress and Parliament, and from Wall Street to Main Street. To be successful, we are going to need friends from all corners. President Biden is aware of our battle and has told us he is committed to helping find a solution. We have friends in Congress who will do whatever they can to bring about the day when we have PFAS-free gear. We are also going to need legal experts to join our fight.

Your IAFF Executive Board recently engaged with three nationally known law firms to help both the IAFF and individual members eradicate PFAS from our gear. They can be reached at www.pfaslawfirms.com, and the attorneys stand ready to assist you in any way they can. Whether it be educating you, advising you, or representing members who have developed cancer, the three firms have a decades-long track record of taking on big corporate interests and winning. The firms are also advising the IAFF on ways your union can take on the powers that be, from forcing change at the standards-setting level to taking the gear manufacturers head-on. We are in a life-and-death battle, and our work will positively impact the fire service, our families, and those who will come behind us for generations. To anyone who says the fight is too big, I say come to our Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial in Colorado Springs and see the names of our brothers and sisters who have been taken by cancer.

This is a zero-fail mission, and it will take all of us. Please join us.

Be You. Be Strong. Be Fire Fighters.

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Edward A. Kelly

We want to hear from you!

Submit comments on editorial content or issues of importance to IAFF members to letters@iaff.org.

Thank You From the ADAO

Dear General President Kelly,

As we begin World Cancer Prevention Month, the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) wants to thank you for your leadership and dedication to prevent asbestos-caused cancers and end the use of asbestos in the United States. The IAFF and ADAO have had a strong and enduring partnership since 2005 with Pat Morrison and years working with Greg Russell both phenomenal fire fighters who represent your association with pride, purpose and deep dedication to the IAFF, and our nation.

The success of the IAFF is unmatched in cancer prevention and

policy. As studies have revealed that fire fighter occupational cancer is the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths in the fire service. In fact, the NIOSH 2013 study determined fire fighter had a rate of mesothelioma two times greater than the rate in the U.S. population as a whole. This was the first study ever to identify an excess of mesothelioma in U.S. fire fighters. Together, we have worked to advance congressional education, and shape legislation and regulations.

Because of you, your team, and over 330,000 IAFF fire fighters, we have taken numerous landmark steps forward, but we have more to accomplish.

Each year, over 40,000 Americans die from preventable asbestos-caused cancers, yet

imports and use of this toxic chemical continue. The chlor-alkali industry, which uses chrysotile asbestos in eight plants in the United States, is responsible for 100% of the asbestos used in our country since 2015.

In 2022, asbestos imports from Brazil and China increased by 300% over 2021. Olin, OxyChem, and Westlake Corporation are the last three remaining chlor-alkali companies that use chrysotile asbestos to manufacture asbestos diaphragms, despite the fact that safer non-asbestos technologies exist and are actively used in nearly 40 other plants.

As we advocate for the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now (ARBAN) Act of 2023 with members of Congress and the Administration, we are grateful for your continued support and focus on eradicating this threat to the health of fire fighters and all Americans. Together, we can prevent all asbestos-caused cancers.

With sincere thanks,

Linda Reinstein, ADAO President/CEO, Co-Founder and Mesothelioma Widow

Meet Barrett

Brothers and Sisters,

I just want to take this opportunity to briefly tell you about my family's situation, how important the MDA Fill the Boot campaign is to us and families like ours, and how appreciative we are for your valiant fundraising efforts.

In August 2021, our family received some devastating news. Testing confirmed that our seemingly healthy, sweet, innocent, and full of life son, Barrett, has muscular dystrophy (MD).

Muscular dystrophy is a muscle-wasting disease that affects all skeletal muscle and does not have a cure. This cruel disease attacks cardiac muscle, muscles used to breathe, swallow, sit upright,

digestive muscles, and all skeletal muscle to the point that Barrett might not even be able to give me a hug one day or do something as simple as scratch his own nose.

MDA

Since Barrett's diagnosis, we must travel to Columbus, Ohio, every six months to see a neurologist, cardiologist, pulmonologist, physical therapist, and a nutritionist. While we don't know where Barrett will land on



the spectrum yet, we do know that his muscles are slowly wasting away

and that more research is needed to find treatments and a cure to slow or stop the disease progression. Through previous research, strides have been made to combat this disease. The life expectancy and mobility of

lots of these patients are more favorable than they were in the past. That being said, there is still lots of work to be done in understanding, treating, and hopefully curing this cruel disease. With MD being such a rare disease, it doesn't get the attention or funding from the government, private interest groups, or pharmaceutical companies that other illnesses do. That makes research for MD rely heavily on



private donations and fundraising efforts like the MDA-IAFF Fill the Boot campaign.

I have been part of the Fill The Boot campaign for years. When I collected money in the past, I knew it was important and for a good cause. I had no idea the money I was raising would potentially benefit my own son. This fundraiser immediately became very personal to me. Every \$20 bill I saw go in my boot made me wonder if that might be the \$20 that helped my son walk longer, or be able to hug me longer, or if it could find the research to help him live a longer and healthier life.

I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your fundraising efforts, both past and present. Words can't convey how powerful, meaningful, and impactful it is to the families fighting for a cure to have someone in their corner. I also want to take a second as an IAFF Brother to personally challenge you and your locals to set goals to have the best fundraising years ever.

Nothing breaks my heart worse than him asking me if I think he is going to be a good fire fighter when he gets older, or if he is going to play professional baseball. That is why I am asking my brothers and sisters to join me in funding this research so that Lord willing, maybe, just maybe, he will be able to fight fire or be on that ball field and live out his dreams one day.

Thank you all for everything you do. I respectfully request that you keep my family in your prayers and join us in praying and fighting for a cure.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Joseph Knipfer, IAFF Local 140 Capt. Engine 18-A Sisters and Brothers,

To unite, fight, organize for our members and their families, the IAFF must have its financial house in order. As your General Secretary-Treasurer (GST), my primary responsibility is administering and overseeing the checks and balances of the day-to-day operations of our union's finances. The Office of the GST also provides oversight and guidance on investing and properly allocating the per capita that our members send us. That responsibility is one of the reasons that, every month, I personally review and scrutinize every check written by the IAFF. We also run regular detailed reports on spending, including all credit card expenses. This deep attention to detail ensures that we are utilizing the funds entrusted to us efficiently and effectively while identifying and preventing possible issues of concern before they become a problem.

Just like our members do with their household budgets, we constantly evaluate our finances — both revenue and expenses. During the last budget process, that diligence paid off. Our analysis showed that the interest rate on a 2018 pension loan was set to increase. Realizing that the interest rate on the loan was higher than our investment return, the Executive Board, at the suggestion of the GST Office, voted unanimously to pay off the loan. We were able to use the positive variance savings created by our disciplined spending when we closed the Fiscal Year 2022 books. That decision created an additional \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2023 and the next several years — allowing us to provide additional services for our locals without raising per capita.

Our GST Team also works closely with the elected Board of Trustees and our independent auditing firm to provide transparency and accountability for all of our operations. In January, the Board of Trustees spent the better part of two weeks reviewing the IAFF financials from individual transactions to overall spending trends. They were given complete access to any and all records they requested by the Office of the GST and the ability to interview members of senior staff to get a better, more comprehensive insight into how we do business, ensure compliance, and hold ourselves accountable for protecting the investment of all 334,000 IAFF members.



GST Lima meets with the Trustees Tony Meija and Mark Ouellette during their annual review of IAFF financials in early January, giving a deep dive and walkthrough of the records and reports. Trustee Alex Forrest arrived later in the week due to travel difficulties.

In addition, we also changed our accounting method at our auditors' suggestion. This change did not fundamentally alter our operations but provided the ability to receive a "clean audit." Essentially, this improves the credit rating of the IAFF. It will pay dividends on our line of credit, and if we ever needed to take out a loan like the one to rebuild the IAFF Memorial following the 2014 Convention, we would get a more favorable interest rate.

Our strong fiscal health and accountability work doesn't just encompass the International. We are doubling down on our efforts to help our local affiliates too. At the

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IAFF Affiliate Leadership Training Summit (ALTS), our GST Team and I were able to host numerous classes on the best practices for local secretary-treasurers, including a forum where I broke down how the IAFF spends every single penny of per capita. This information better prepares local leaders to answer their members' questions and builds stronger faith and trust in the IAFF.

Our local assistance goes beyond teaching classes and holding seminars. As part of affiliation, each local receives a \$5,000 Labor Organization Bond, with the premium paid by the IAFF. This bond is a basic insurance policy for the finances of the affiliate. This bonding was just renewed, and our GST Team made sure that every local leader had their new bond certificate as soon as possible to add to the peace of mind of knowing that your local is protected.

Just like we do at the International level, we are helping locals fix issues and prevent them from having problems. That is the driving force behind our efforts to ensure every U.S. local has the proper filing submitted to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to remain a 501 (C) (5) non-profit organization. Many times, when a local changes officers, this filing gets missed or forgotten. Our GST Team is dedicated to collaborating with local leaders to refile with the IRS and regain that non-profit status so that the per capita our members pay to their local is not subject to income tax by the IRS. We began that work at ALTS and will dutifully continue meeting with all locals who need assistance. It is one more way we work toward the accountability our members expect and deserve.

The job of the GST varies, from membership to human resources to internal operations to accounting and finance to assisting the General President and District Vice Presidents with their tasks and assignments. Still, the commitment to protecting our members' investment runs throughout each facet of our work. It is what I expect as General Secretary-Treasurer and also as a member of this great Union.

In solidarity — Unite, Fight, Organize

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Fire Stop Tour Unveils National Fire Strategy

Fire deaths are rising in the United States, with fire claiming the lives of nearly 2,500 people — 96 of them fire fighters — in 2022 alone. More than 280 have already died by fire in 2023.

Wildfires are no longer isolated to the southwest, with climate change and population growth in the wildland urban interface (WUI) causing them to spread at increased rates. And otherwise healthy fire fighters are being diagnosed with cancer more often, a result of the chemicals they are exposed to in their gear and on the job.

The nation has a fire problem, according to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), and it's time to sound the alarm.

Late last year, the USFA worked with subject matter experts to develop strategies addressing these issues head-on — identifying five pillars for the fire service. Leaders from across the fire service took part in a three-city Fire Stop Tour in January to unveil the plan's details.

General President Edward Kelly joined U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell, International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) President Chief Donna Black, and others for the tour, remembering the lives lost in two of the nation's deadliest fires in 2022 while sharing the national fire strategy.

"We owe it to every life lost to improve upon and enforce fire codes. Fire codes save lives," said Kelly. "It is also critical that we do all we can to prevent fire fighter deaths. It is past time to eliminate the use of toxic chemicals like PFAS, a known carcinogen."

Moore-Merrell concurred. "We must work together to address fire-related challenges, including improvements in codes and standards, developing recruitment and training programs for fire fighters, and supporting the mental health needs of our first responders."

The tour's first stop was Fire Zone 61, a fire safety learning center in New York City. 1st District Vice President James Slevin was in attendance alongside leaders from the Uniformed Firefighters Association of New York (UFA) Local 94 and New York Uniformed Fire Officers Association (UFOA) Local 854.

The event coincided with the first anniversary of the deadly Jan. 9, 2022 Twin Parks North West apartment fire in the Bronx. The fire,

Legislative Action to Help Solve the Nation's Fire Problem

With the strong support of the IAFF, Congress took swift action in the aftermath of the 2022 deadly fires in the Bronx, New York, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"The IAFF thanks Rep. Ritchie Torres (NY), Rep. Madeleine Dean (PA), and others who are sponsoring and advocating for these pieces of legislation designed to help prevent people from losing their lives to fire," said General President Edward Kelly. "I believe that solution-oriented legislation like the Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act and the Public and Federally Assisted Housing Fire Safety Act coupled with the USFA's new national fire strategy will get us closer to solving the country's fire problem."

Seventeen people were killed in the Bronx, New York, apartment blaze.

In response to that fire, Congress sought to offer more than condolences. Torres, Rep. Peter Meijer (MI), and Rep. Anthony Gonzalez (OH), with the full support of the IAFF, sponsored the Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act, which was quickly passed into law.

"Fires like the one at Twin Parks North West are not isolated incidents," said Torres during the final USFA Fire Tour press conference outside Engine 3 in Washington, D.C. "This new law will allow the U.S. Fire Administration to get involved right away in the aftermath of these devastating fires. Using their resources, they will be able to find ways to prevent similar fires in the future, better protecting our citizens from deadly fires."

The new law authorizes the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to send safety specialists, fire protection engineers, codes and standards experts, researchers, and fire training specialists to collaborate and assist local fire fighter inspectors in investigating major fires.

While local fire officials will still investigate the cause and origin, the Fire Administration will look at where buildings failed before fire fighters arrived.

It will also require the USFA to issue a public report on the investigation's findings to local,



which began after a faulty space heater ignited, claimed the lives of 17 people, eight of them children.

The fire spread quickly because the front and stairwell doors on the 15th floor were left open. Two-hundred fire fighters responded, extinguishing the fire and rescuing anyone trapped by the fire and smoke.

Officials say most of the public housing in the U.S. does not have sprinklers, like Twin Parks North West, because they were built before a building code was issued in 1992, making sprinklers a requirement. One of the pillars of the national strategy is to create safer communities by implementing and enforcing codes and standards.

"We must honor the memory of the members of our Bronx family by educating and advocating for life-saving building codes and other safety measures," said FDNY Fire Commissioner Laura Kavanagh. "It is imperative that we do all we can to prevent future tragedies such as this one."

The second stop was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at Engine Company 8. Philadelphia Local 22 President Michael Bresnan

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- Rep. Ritchie Torres (NY)

state, and federal authorities. This report would include recommendations on mitigating the causes of the investigated fire and buildings with similar characteristics that may bear

similar fire risks. In the aftermath of the Fairmount

tragedy in Pennsylvania, Dean introduced the Public and Federally Assisted Housing Fire Safety Act to address safety issues found during the fire investigation.

The legislation would require smoke alarms that cannot be removed or shut down in homes owned by any authorities that receive Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) assistance or landlords whose tenants receive HUD support.

All but one of the smoke detectors in the Philadelphia Housing Authority rowhome

destroyed by the January 2022 blaze, were inoperable. The proposed law aims to eliminate

that possibility. "We must honor the memory of the 12 that died that day," said Dean, who participated in the USFA's Fire Tour. "We can never repeat the fire tragedies that we saw in Philadelphia or New York. We must implement critical safeguards that will protect the millions of families that live in public and federally assisted housing. Implementing the USFA's national fire strategy and passing this legislation into law will be important steps in that process."

The legislation has passed the House and moved onto the Senate, where it has been referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. ■







was on hand, commemorating another deadly 2022 anniversary. The fire, which killed 12 people, quickly spread through the Fairmount row house after a Christmas tree ignited Jan. 5, 2022. The Fairmount home, like so many older buildings, did not contain up-to-date safeguards, which would prevent or slow the spread of fire. In this case, the only working smoke alarm was in the home's basement.

"Fatal fires disproportionately affect our most vulnerable populations, including those living in public housing and the elderly. We need to do more," said Moore-Merrell. "When a fire occurs, the USFA will now be looking at those fire safety features and often where the building itself may have failed long before fire fighters arrived. We'll take that knowledge going forward and be able to apply it to other like buildings, not only just in Philadelphia but in other cities as well."

This tragic fire was one of many in Philadelphia over the past year. More than 40 people died, and over 200 people were injured in fires, according to city Fire Commissioner Adam Thiel.

"We have two burn centers in the city of Philadelphia and they're both full all the time," Thiel said. "It doesn't have to be that way. We need stronger fire codes and standards, and we need to be vigilant about enforcing them."

The final stop was in Washington, D.C. They were welcomed at DC's Engine Company 3 by Local 36 President David Hoagland, and the on-duty crew.

In addition to the need for stronger fire code enforcement, speakers highlighted other priorities of the fire service, including investing in a national apprenticeship program to deal with fire fighter shortages and training for structure fire fighters who are increasingly being called to fight

National Fire Strategy Recommendations

The U.S. Fire Administration worked in collaboration with the IAFF and other fire service organizations to develop the national strategy to address the fire problem in the nation:

- Prepare all fire fighters for the climate-driven increase in wildfires in the wildland urban interface (WUI) by providing them with the proper training and equipment.
- Invest in a national apprenticeship program to address the fire fighter shortage and make the fire service more diverse and inclusive.
- Establish a comprehensive fire fighter cancer strategy that invests in research, provides access to screening for fire fighters, and reduces and eliminates PFAS exposure.
- Provide behavioral health resources and suicide prevention initiatives for all fire fighters.
- Create safer communities by implementing and enforcing codes and standards, especially in the WUI and underserved and vulnerable populations, and provide affordable and fire-safe housing.

fires in the wildland urban interface. "Wildfires know no boundaries. They can burn across federal, state, Native American reservations, and that means different agencies with different training backgrounds and employers are responding together," said Black, president of the fire chiefs. "To effectively respond to these fires, all of us need the proper training, so the multiple agency response is a seamless one."

A comprehensive fire fighter cancer strategy is also a critical component of the strategy.

"We must act now to develop a fire fighter cancer strategy that invests in research, provides access to cancer screenings for fire fighters, and eliminates PFAS exposure," said Kelly.

2022 M E D Î

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Congratulations to the winners in the 2022 Media Awards Contest

The IAFF Media Awards Contest helps create a greater awareness of the important work that IAFF members in the United States and Canada do to keep the public safe. The contest honors communications with the media, elected leaders, the public, and members, as well as news media reporting and photography that best portray fire fighters and paramedics as dedicated all-hazards responders.

JOURNALISM CATEGORIES

Best News Story, Series, or Feature Published in a Newspaper, Magazine, Web-Based News Site, or Trade Publication

First Place

"Firehouse Cooks" Produced by: Anare V. Holmes Submitted by: Atlanta, GA Local 134 Outstanding exploration of the lessons taught and learned at the firehouse kitchen table about acceptance, tolerance, and understanding.

Second Place

"The Focus Was the Job: 9 Months Working the Pile" Produced by: Janelle Foskett, FireRescue1 FireRescue1 offers readers a deep and personal insight into Chief Freddie LaFemina's reflections on the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. This feature shows that time does not erase the memories of that tragic day.

Best Multimedia Storytelling (podcasting, interactive gifs and maps, text/audio narrative)

First Place

"Bad Ax Ladies/EmergencyFD Storyline Podcast" Produced by: Tom Man, EmergencyFD Storyline Submitted by: Carbondale, IL Local 1961 Insightful and entertaining podcast featuring two female fire fighters who share information with other women considering a career in the fire service.

Second Place

"Troy Firefighters Make a Rescue in a 3rd Alarm Fire With a Mayday Called" Produced by: Jeffrey Belschwinder, Sidewinder Photography

Submitted by: Troy, NY Local 86

What comes across in this winning entry is a fire service that responds to all hazards in all conditions.

Best News Photo

First Place

"Warehouse Fire" Produced by: Glen E. Ellman, Firehouse.com News Submitted by: Fort Worth, TX Local 440 Fort Worth fire fighters respond to a garage fire involving batteries and golf cart tires. Photo was published on *Firehouse.com*.

Second Place

"Baltimore Fire Fighters" Produced by: Jerry Jackson, Baltimore Sun Submitted by: Baltimore, MD Local 734 Baltimore City fire fighters salute as an ambulance carries the body of Lt. Paul Butrim from the scene of a vacant row house fire on S. Stricker Street. Four fire fighters were trapped in a collapse while fighting the fire.

Best Television News Story, Feature, Video, or Documentary

First Place

"Pauline's Recovery" Produced by: Tiffany Liou, WFAA Submitted by: Dallas, TX Local 58 Great story on the serious injury and recovery of a Dalla fire fighter trapped in a gas explosion. Three of her crew members were also burned and injured in the incident.

Second Place

"Baltimore City Fire Department in Need of More Paramedics"

Produced by: Erin MacPherson Submitted by: Baltimore, MD Local 734 Excellent story on fire department staffing shortages and their impact on Baltimore fire fighters and the community.

AFFILATE CATEGORIES

Best MDA Project

First Place

"Corpus Christi Fire Department Fill The Boot 2022" Produced by: Corpus Christi, TX Local 936 and the City of Corpus Christi Submitted by: Corpus Christi, TX Local 936 Great video connecting viewers on Fill the Boot's mission.

Second Place

"Gig Harbor Fire Fighters Local 3390 MDA Golf Tournament"

Produced by: Gig Harbor, WA Local 3390

Submitted by: Gig Harbor, WA Local 3390 This is one small piece of a great program by Gig Harbor, WA Local 3390 supporting muscular dystrophy. From Local 3390's website to the execution of a successful golf tournament, this is an excellent example of how IAFF members help MDA families.

Best IAFF Affiliate Newsletter or Magazine

(circulation less than 1,000)

First Place

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"Local 2461 Update, Vol. 3, Issue 1" Produced by: Eric Lowe

Submitted by: Strathcona, AB Local 2461 Local 2461 Update is a newsletter produced biannually to promote awareness and education on the union's

accomplishments and to celebrate the work of members.

Second Place

"Chattanooga Newsletters" Produced by: Lindsey Rogers Submitted by: Chattanooga, TN Local 820 The Chattanooga Fire Department's monthly newsletter includes major events and responses.

Best IAFF Affiliate Newsletter or Magazine

(circulation more than 1,000)

First Place

"Fire Front Magazine Editions" Produced by: CAL FIRE Local 2881 Submitted by: CAL FIRE Local 2881 The Winter 2021 issue of *Fire Front* highlights issues and stories about active and retired members.

Second Place

"Mainline Magazine, San Francisco, CA Local 798" **Produced by: Stephen Giacalone Submitted by: San Francisco, CA Local 798** San Francisco, CA Local 798's *Mainline* is a printed magazine distributed to members, and elected and civic leaders, to provide updates on major incidents, issues, and events involving city fire fighters and paramedics.





Digital Communications

First Place

"Baltimore, MD Local 734 Twitter" Produced: Andrew Doyle Submitted by: Baltimore, MD Local 734 Impressive Twitter feed that consistently engages followers and keeps Baltimore citizens informed.

Second Place

"Burbank Firefighters Community News" Produced by: Burbank, CA Local 778 and Blackman **Public Affairs Firm** Submitted by: Burbank, CA Local 778 Local 778's newsletter is full of original content and displays the work of fire fighters and paramedics in an accessible format.

Best Photo or Social Media Graphic

First Place

"Overwhelmina" Produced by: Glen E. Ellman

Submitted by: Fort Worth, TX Local 440 Fort Worth, TX arson investigator stands in a burned-out

structure and is tasked with finding out what destroyed the building.

Second Place (Combined entries) "Labor Day and Super Bowl Graphics" Produced by: Sean Lovens

Submitted by: San Jose, CA Local 230

The two graphics are excellent presentations that share impactful and essential information on how unions play a role in major holidays and events.

Best Community Outreach

First Place

"#eatAbeet Challenge (social media fundraiser for Food4Kids Hamilton)"

Produced by: Hamilton, ON Local 288 Submitted by: Hamilton, ON Local 288 Fantastic project by Hamilton, ON Local 288 to end childhood hunger sponsoring the #eatAbeet challenge. Citizens were encouraged to share images of them eating vegetables on social media, donate to Food4Kids Hamilton, and get other community members to join the challenge.

Second Place

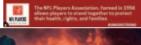
"Red Hot Gala Benefiting the HPFFA Charitable Foundation"

Produced by: Patrick M. "Marty" Lancton, Elizabeth Stein. and Laura Stein

Submitted by: Houston, TX Local 341

Houston's Red Hot Gala gets tremendous community and media response. In the last four years, it has raised more than \$2.2 million (\$600,000 in 2021 alone) for the HPFFA Charitable Foundation, which helps members who need assistance with medical bills, support in the aftermath of a







natural disaster, and support for community charities like Operation Warm to help kids receive winter coats.

Best Affiliate Photos Taken by an IAFF Member (Non-Published)

First Place "Eruption"

Produced by: Kenneth LaBelle Submitted by: Pawtucket, RI Local 1261 Pawtucket, RI Local 1261 fire fighters escape heavy fire conditions after they vented the attic window at a 3rd

Second Place

alarm fire in Central Falls, RI.

"Show Me The Way" Produced by: Cody Shea Submitted by: Tacoma, WA Local 31 This photo demonstrates the importance of live fire training and the development of a recruit fire fighter at the Washington State Fire Training Facility.

Best Affiliate Public Relations Project

First Place

"Why 3 On A Rescue?" Produced by: Broward County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics

Submitted by: Broward County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics

Strong campaign for the local to fight against a proposal to reduce staffing levels.

Second Place

"Houston Charter Amendment Petition Coalition (HCAP)" Produced by: Patrick M. "Marty" Lancton, Rob Block, Luke Manion, and Brian Wilcox

Submitted by: Houston, TX Local 341

Houston Charter Amendment Petition Coalition (HCAP) successfully organized, implemented, and ran the first of its kind Charter Petition - gathering nearly 40,000 registered Houston voters calling for an election to change the City's Charter.

Special One-Time PR Project

First Place

"UFLAC's 2020 Los Angeles Fire Department Year in **Review Photo Book**" Produced by: Los Angeles City, CA Local 112



Submitted by: Los Angeles City, CA Local 112 UFLAC Local 112 produces an annual photo book distributed to fire stations and community stakeholders featuring major incidents, community events, and fire department statistics.

Second Place

"Road to Recovery: Invest in Your Safety" Produced by: San Francisco, CA Local 798 Submitted by: San Francisco, CA Local 798 A strong publication that does a good job communicating the work and needs of the San Francisco union.

Best Social Media Video

First Place

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"We are Tacoma Fire" Produced by: Cody Shea Submitted by: Tacoma, WA Local 31 This video provides a "behind the scenes" look at the Tacoma Fire Department, detailing fire fighters' training, commitment, and service while fulfilling their mission to protect the community.

Second Place

"Fire Safety Education" Produced by: Dale Smith and Chris Derylo Submitted by: Downers Grove, IL Local 3234 Downers Grove, IL Local 3234 does a good job increasing awareness for fire safety in their community.

Best Podcast

First Place

"Going Direct with CAL FIRE Local 2881" Produced by: CAL FIRE Local 2881 Submitted by: CAL FIRE Local 2881 "Going Direct with CAL Fire Local 2881" is an excellent series to learn more about the union and collective bargaining process. Insightful information from guests and engaging discussions makes this podcast a winner.

Second Place

"AFFI Season Two - Episode Two - Worker's Rights" Produced by: Luke Howieson, Chuck Sullivan, Tim Hunter, and Jerry Marzullo

Submitted by: Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Good discussion on AFFI's effort to pass workers' rights amendments - the most important piece of legislation organized labor has fought for in the state. After the podcast, voters approved the Illinois Constitution Amendment 1, which amends the state constitution to guarantee workers a broad right to collective bargaining.

See the full list of contest winners at www.iaff.org



Behavioral Health NEWS

Making behavioral health resources acceptable and accessible has long been a priority for the IAFF, whose members confront danger and trauma on every call. The nature of "the job," coupled with the personal challenges everyone faces, makes fire and EMS professionals more susceptible to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Though many worry that seeking treatment is a sign of weakness, reaching out is a sign of resilience. That's why the IAFF created its first Center of Excellence and has promoted the benefit of peer support techniques. In the past two years alone, the IAFF has trained more than 8,000 members to serve on Peer Support Teams. Here's a look at ways the IAFF continues to address and advance behavioral health care for members coast-to-coast in our two nations...

IAFF Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Celebrates Sixth Anniversary

The IAFF Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery celebrates its sixth anniversary this month. Since opening in Upper Marlboro, Md. in 2017, the East Coast center has become a safe space for fire fighters and emergency medical professionals dealing with substance abuse, PTSD, and other behavioral health challenges.

East Coast Center of Excellence Facts & Figures

- 6 years in operation
- 2,600+ IAFF members treated
- 917 IAFF affiliates represented
- Including members from all 50 states and 3 Canadian provinces
- 34: average number of days per treatment
- 14: number of full-time clinicians on staff

"When I got to the center, I didn't know which way was up. I was so lost and didn't know what else to do. There is something magical about that place! The atmosphere there is so laid-back that it made it so easy for me to find MY PATH. Absolutely no judgments there, the place is amazing. One of the greatest things I took away is something that they told us on the first day, and that was that everything that we needed to get better was inside of us already. I actually laughed when I heard that because I was so broken, but it turned out to be the absolute truth! My family, my friends, my coworkers, and the COE gave me the push I needed, and I took it the rest of the way. I've never been prouder of myself, and more importantly, I've never been happier!"

> --- Rick Fritz, Glenview Professional Firefighters Local 4186

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 "Going to the Center of Excellence was a life-changing experience for me. Upon arrival, I was afraid longly and lost with an upbelievable

life-changing experience for me. Upon arrival, I was afraid, lonely, and lost with an unbelievable amount of thoughts as to what would happen next. Soon after arriving, I was welcomed into my new family. This new family of mine was made of many amazing people including additional brothers and sisters attending treatment, as well as staff. Not only was it the best decision for me to better my mental health, but it was a learning experience and showed just how much a place like this is needed for us. If you ever find yourself in a place needing help, please don't feel alone, do not entertain the stigma; go to the COE. You will not regret it and it will change your life. Resiliency. Learn it, Live it, Preach it."

— Mike Fitzgerald, Kingston Professional Firefighters
 Association Local 461

EHN Canada Launches Exclusive IAFF Member Landing Page for Behavioural Health Treatment

Canadian IAFF members seeking behavioural health treatment information now have easier access to the dedicated services and preferred rates offered by IAFF partner EHN Canada.

The dedicated landing page, www.ehncanada.com/iaff, provides detailed

information about EHN's trauma-focused behavioural health services for IAFF members, including the types of challenges treated and options for treatment.

With a network of accredited facilities in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia, EHN Canada specializes in treating all behavioural health concerns, including depression, anxiety, trauma, and PTSD, and is the leader in evidence-based behavioural health treatment in Canada. IAFF members will also have priority access to addiction and behavioural health programming available across the EHN network, which serves general populations.

General President Edward Kelly said he is proud of the IAFF's partnership with EHN Canada and pleased to see the landing page go live as an additional resource for members struggling with post-traumatic stress, addiction, and related issues.

"EHN Canada's new website for IAFF members puts a lot of important information about behavioural health resources at their fingertips, which they can access confidentially 24/7 from the comfort and privacy of their homes," Kelly said.

"Our jobs are dangerous and stressful, which is why behavioural health resources are so important," he said. "Canadian members struggling with behavioural health and addiction need to know they're not alone, and there's no shame in reaching out for help."

EHN Canada's dedicated intake resources for IAFF members can be accessed through the landing page or by calling 1-888-301-7876.

EHN Canada's Chair and CEO, Joe Manget, said the landing page was a key step in ensuring Canadian IAFF members can access behavioural health treatment options as quickly and efficiently as possible.

"Part of our purpose as a company is to ensure that all Canadians have access to high-quality mental healthcare, which means we have to continually remove barriers and ensure our services are easy to find and use," he said. "We encourage all members to take a look at the services we offer and reach out if they are in need of help."

County OKs West Coast Center of Excellence

A West Coast Center of Excellence (COE) is moving forward after the Riverside County planning commission voted to approve permits for a facility in Hemet, Calif.

Nearly 25 percent of those treated at the current COE are from the Western United States; those members can incur significant travel expenses not covered by insurance. The new 112-bed center will ease financial burdens on West Coast members while also reducing wait time for admission – which can be up to 14 days. Like the current Maryland facility, the center will be managed in partnership with Advanced Recovery Systems.

General President Edward Kelly, writing to the planning commission, discussed how untreated

behavioral health issues impact finances, relationships, and substance use. "These serious problems require targeted solutions that understand the breadth of what fire fighters experience.

"Every day, our members protect lives and property throughout the state. They deserve best-in-class care that allows them to stay closer to home and helps them on their road to recovery and healing," he said.

"Getting a cutting-edge facility on the West Coast is a must," 10th District Vice President Stephen Gilman told the commission. "And I can tell you this; you will save lives by approving this facility. This is a worthwhile project that is greatly needed, not just for fire fighters in the [Riverside] area, but throughout the West Coast."

California Professional Firefighters President Brian Rice explained how members are impacted by the daily calls they face. "We are like society," he said. "We see alcohol [use], drug [use], we see domestic violence. It's time to not hide these things and say they don't affect us. They do. The Center of Excellence is one more tool for fire fighters to get that critical care and that crisis care that they need."

Hemet, CA Local 2342 President Dave Prietto and Riverside City, CA Local 1067 President Tim Strack also spoke in support of the West Coast COE, as did Cal Fire Local 2881 member Mark Garcie. ■

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2023 • Vincent J. Bollon Affiliate Leadership Training Summit



he Vincent J. Bollon Affiliate Leadership Training Summit brought together more than 2,000 IAFF members in January, giving leaders the knowledge and skills necessary to drive change at the local level. The Las Vegas event featured 108 workshops on various topics, including communications, health and safety, negotiations, and union administration.

ALTS was also the site of the world premiere of "Burned," a documentary produced by actor Mark Ruffalo that tells the story of Diane and Paul Cotter and warns of the dangers of PFAS forever chemicals (see pg. 18). The summit's focus on Training for Excellence gave affiliate leaders the chance to take classes aimed at affecting lasting change, said General President Edward Kelly. He announced that the IAFF had retained several law firms to help the union in its efforts to rid PFAS from turnout gear and end the scourge of cancer in the fire service (pg. 17).

Go to iaff.org/ALTS23 to watch the **Opening Session** and a sample of the week's workshops, including **Building Local Political Power**, **Staffing for Safety: An Introduction**, and **PFAS**.







IAFF Retains Nationally Recognized Law Firms in Fight Against PFAS

General President Edward Kelly announced at the 2023 Affiliate Leadership Training Summit that the IAFF retained three nationally recognized law firms to change regulatory standards, demand PFAS-free gear, and be available to be retained by members and families seeking compensation for PFAS-related illness.

PFAS "forever chemicals" are found in fire fighter protective gear and have been linked to cancer, the leading cause of fire fighter death.

"We need to combat what is killing us," said Kelly. "Cancer is the number one killer of fire fighters, and for years, corporate interests have put profits over our lives. It stops now. This initiative will accelerate our search for PFAS-free gear."

The firms — Motley Rice LLC; Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC; and Sullivan Papain Block McGrath Coffinas & Cannavo P.C. — were interviewed and vetted over a several-month period by the IAFF Executive Board. They will:

- Change the regulatory standards and systems that have enabled toxins in fire fighter protective turnout gear
- Demand that all turnout gear be replaced with PFAS-free alternatives
- Be available to be retained by members and their families to seek compensation for PFAS-related injuries

The independent firms — collectively known as PFAS Law Firms — have established a website, PFASLawFirms.com, for members seeking information on the effort.

"It's an honor to be entrusted by the IAFF to be a part of their legal team charged with effecting change in current standards, promoting the replacement of PFAS-laden gear, and seeking justice on behalf of members riddled with cancer," said Anne McGinness Kearse of Motley Rice LLC. "We do not take this responsibility lightly and are ready to pursue, on behalf of the IAFF and/or its members, all viable legal strategies to meet these challenges and bring about needed change."

Motley Rice has worked extensively with unions in the United States and Canada, and the firm has a long track record of protecting worker's rights and fighting for occupational safety and health.

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- General President Edward Kelly

"Simmons Hanly Conroy is ready and dedicated to serve as the advocate for our brave fire fighters and the IAFF in their battle with cancers caused by PFAS," said Jayne Conroy of Simmons Hanly Conroy. The firm is one of the largest tort law firms in the U.S., most recently litigating on behalf of people impacted by the prescription opioid crisis.

"Sullivan Papain is honored to represent and support the IAFF as it works to protect the safety of its members and remove harmful substances from PPE," said Nick Papain, a partner at Sullivan Papain. "Having served as general counsel to the Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater New York Local 94 for nearly 40 years, we have dedicated much of our careers to supporting the well-being of fire fighters through advocacy, legislation, and litigation and look forward to doing the same for the IAFF and its members."

Sullivan Papain was a leader in the efforts to establish the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund and to enact other legislation to serve the families of first responders killed or seriously injured in the 9/11 terrorist attacks or by reason of its toxic aftermath. The firm recovered \$611 million from the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund for 900 fire fighters and their families, pro bono, for no legal fees.

"The health and safety of our members is non-negotiable, period," said Kelly. "If manufacturers or regulatory groups refuse to acknowledge and work to remove these toxic chemicals from the protective gear fire fighters wear, our members have no other viable remedies than to challenge these practices in court. We will take this battle wherever we need to.

"This is the challenge of our generation and I refuse to let it become a challenge for our children and their children," he said. "The IAFF will do whatever is necessary to remove PFAS from our gear, and protect the health of our members and the well-being of our families."

ALTS Hosts Debut of PFAS Film

The IAFF hosted the world premiere of "BURNED: Protecting the Protectors" — a

30-minute independent documentary that details the dangers of PFAS in turnout gear — at the 2023 Affiliate Leadership Training Summit in Las Vegas.

The film, produced by actor Mark Ruffalo, profiles Diane Cotter who suspected forever chemicals were present in turnout gear after her husband, retired Worcester, MA Local 1009 fire fighter Paul Cotter, was diagnosed

with prostate cancer in late 2014. She spent several years immersing herself in existing research while pursuing answers from

scientists, corporations, and politicians. "We thought for years that our cancer was



from absorbing the off-gases from burning combustibles, building debris. We thought that was what was making us sick. We know now that our own gear is part of that problem," General President Edward Kelly said in the film. "The very thing that was supposed to be keeping us safe was making us sick. We would not know that without fire fighters' hero Diane Cotter." Director Elijah

Yetter-Bowman first met the Cotters while making GenX, a documentary about the PFAS public health crisis. As more research

showed the dangers of PFAS in turnout gear, Yetter-Bowman decided the time was now to make a documentary educating fire fighters and the public about the critical issue.

"No sensible person would require first responders to knowingly expose themselves to toxic materials as a requirement to do their jobs, but that's exactly what has happened for decades," said Yetter-Bowman. "Fire fighters need protective gear that will not poison them. With the IAFF leading the way, I believe we will get there rapidly."

Locals can request a screening of "BURNED" at etherealfilms.org/burned.

GST Office Hours Help Locals Problem-Solve Finances

Along with great classes, workshops, and presentations, this year's ALTS also included something new — General Secretary-Treasurer (GST) Office Hours. This program allowed more than two dozen locals — from Los Angeles City Local 112 to Concord, NH Local 1045 to federal locals across the U.S. — to meet with GST Líma, senior staff, and an experienced crew of secretary-treasurers from the U.S. and Canada. Affiliate leaders could schedule time to discuss and problem-solve individual problems, issues with the IRS, or ask questions specific to their local.

"The work of a local secretary-treasurer is incredibly important, but it can be complicated, especially for new local leaders," said Líma. "We developed GST Office Hours to give that extra financial help and share some of the expertise within the IAFF and on our senior staff."

Many were looking to begin the process of reinstating their tax-exempt numbers (EIN) with the IRS. Coeur d'Alene, ID Local 710 Treasurer Bill Dodd, who is also an accountant, met with those locals and walked them through the steps to get reinstated.

Other locals received personalized, detailed help understanding the ins and outs of QuickBooks and how they could better apply it to their day-to-day work.

"GST Office Hours were the best part of ALTS for me as a new secretary-treasurer," said Nicole Fazio, Secretary-Treasurer of Fort Belvoir Local F273. "I was able to spend over three hours with experienced local leaders going over, in-depth, our bank statements and excel spreadsheets. It was so helpful. I can't recommend this enough for all new secretary-treasurers."

Some of the locals helped were dealing with possible embezzlement from a previous officer. While this kind of theft occasionally happens, Líma and senior staff worked with the local leaders to identify ways to discover the extent of the trouble, work on restitution, initiate the bonding insurance, and, most importantly, create ways to prevent future problems.

GST Office Hours were in addition to ALTS classes that dealt with secretary-treasurer duties. Those classes, Best Practices for Secretary-Treasurers, Hands-on QuickBooks training, and a Per Capita Forum in which Líma walked attendees through a detailed breakdown of how their investment is allocated, were all well attended.

Along with Bill Dodd, the GST Office Hours team consisted of Scott Bethke, Tualatin Valley Local 1660, Matthew Caliente, Professional Fire



Veteran secretary-treasurers from across the IAFF offered a Best Practices course during ALTS.

Green and Frank Ramagnano, and Director Doug Stern.

"These office hours are a great example of the assistance the IAFF can provide to our locals," said Líma. "I encourage any local secretary-treasurer who needs a little guidance or assistance to reach out to our GST Team and

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Fighters Association of New Jersey, Brandon Day, Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, and Tory Fatjo, Broward County, FL Local 4321 and 12th District DFSR.

The senior staff who assisted included Chief of Operations Jim Brinkley, AGST/Comptroller Ryan Weber, Assistants to the GST Maureen

me anytime. We will make sure that they get what they need and get in contact with someone who has been in their shoes and can support them however they need."



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LOCAL SCENE

VA Local Ratifies State's First Contract in 40 years

Alexandria, VA Local 2141 became the first Virginia IAFF affiliate in more than four decades to ratify a contract with its employer when the Alexandria City Council voted unanimously Jan. 24 to approve the historic agreement.

"Congratulations to our Alexandria 2141 members on a job well done," said General President Edward Kelly. "First contracts do not come easy, and the road to victory was not short, but that never dissuaded them."

"Local 2141 President Josh Turner and his team did an outstanding job bargaining their first contract," said 4th District Vice President Andrew Pantelis. "I am very proud of all their hard work. You have paved the way for our other Virginia affiliates to follow suit."

The Virginia state Supreme Court ruled collective bargaining unconstitutional in 1977. Recent lobbying efforts by the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters led to legislation allowing local governments to create ordinances recognizing their employees' labor unions, thereby allowing collective bargaining for public workers.

The newly approved agreement will be effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

"Collective bargaining has created a path for labor and management to discuss and resolve

issues," said Turner, the local president. "We believe that the provisions of this contract show that we all want to serve our community by ensuring that resources are in place to keep the citizens of Alexandria safe."

"We are proud of the collaborative work that went into making this agreement possible," said Alexandria City Mayor Justin Wilson. "City staff, alongside Local 2141 leadership, were committed to finding common ground in the interest of public safety, as well as elevating the collective voice of the department."

The contract calls for a 5 percent pay increase for fire fighter and fire/paramedic positions and an additional 10 percent increase for fire and EMS lieutenant captain positions. There will also be an annual raise of 2 percent and merit increases for eligible employees.

The agreement provides a path to reduce shifts from 56 to 50 hours per week by July 30, 2025. That effort will be supported by \$12.52 million through fiscal year 2026 to add 52 positions.



"No one fights for us like we fight for ourselves," said Kelly. "That's why collective bargaining matters. It gives us a voice to better protect the public, our members, and our families. Local 2141's successful campaign is the start of what we know will be many more wins in Virginia."

Four other local governments in the state have passed collective bargaining ordinances. Arlington County Local 2800, Fairfax County Local 2068, Loudoun County Local 3756, and Richmond Local 995 are all working toward their first contracts.

IAFF Welcomes New Locals

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ORNL Fire Captains President James Beets 10 members Oak Ridge, TN

Local 3150 Bennington Professional Fire Fighters Association President Jordan Smith 9 members Bennington, NE

Local 4228 Dry Ridge Professional Fire Fighters President Eric Tuemler 7 members Dry Ridge, KY

Local 4676 Watauga Professional Fire Fighters President Michael Maglott 20 members Watauaa. TX

Local 5375 Orange City Professional Fire Fighters President Benjamin Maciel 22 members Orange City, FL

Local 5386

Bristol Kendall Professional Fire Fighters Association President Brandon Fairfield 26 members Yorkville, IL

Local 5387

Elmwood Township Professional Fire Fighters President Robert Sokolnicki 7 members Traverse City, MI

Local 5390

Bainbridge Township Professional Fire Fighters President Phillip Anders 16 members Bainbridge Township, OH

Local 5392 Fort Gratiot Professional Fire Fighters Union President Joseph Stoltz 5 members Fort Gratiot, MI

Local 5393 Georgetown Professional Fire Fighters President Christopher Pellman 12 members

Georgetown, IN

Local 5395 Professional Paramedics and EMT's of St. Mary's County President M. Christina Coffey 14 members Leonardtown, MD

Local 5396 Bonneville County Fire Fighters President Kent Jason Howard 10 members Ammon, ID

Local 5397 Strasburg Fire Fighters President Justin Parsons 6 members Strasburg, CO

October through December 2022.

Local 5398 Boaz Professional Fire Fighters Association President Wesley Wilson 21 members Boaz Al

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Valencia County Professional Fire Fighters Association President Avelino Regalado 12 members Los Lunas, NM

Local 5400 Front Range Professional Fire Fighters President Zach Rodriguez 16 members Johnston, Milliken, CO

Local 5402 East Madison Professional Fire Fighters President Jacob Daulton 10 members Anderson, IN

Local 5403 Mt. Healthy Professional Fire Fighters President Keith Peace 7 members Mt. Healthy, OH

Local 5404

The new IAFF affiliates listed below joined the International

Umatilla Professional Fire Fighters President Jordy McCracken 6 members Umatilla, OR

Local 5405

Ohio County Professional EMS Association President Anthony McDaniel 8 members Ohio County, WV

Local 5406

Upper Township Professional EMT's President Kyle Lindholm 8 members Upper Township, NJ

Local 5408

The Lake Villa Professional Fire Fighters Association President Justin Biggs 23 members Lake Villa, IL

Orion Township Local 5342 Ratifies Its First Contract

Orion Township, MI Local 5342 members ended 2022 on a high note by signing and ratifying their first contract.

"We are very pleased with the new labor-management agreement between Local 5342 and Orion Township," said Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union (MPFFU) President Matthew Sahr. "Both sides trusted the process and negotiated in good faith. The result was one of the best first contracts I've seen."

Orion Township is a thriving community located 39 miles north of Detroit. Fire fighters there respond to emergencies out of four fire stations throughout the township.

Local 5342 was formed in August 2021, enabling member fire fighters to speak with one voice about critical issues like staffing.

Negotiating the first contract was one of the first orders of business. The process was amicable because of the positive relationship between Local 5342 and the township administration, but it did take some time to iron out various legal concerns and other issues.

"We really appreciate MPFFU President Sahr for guiding us through this process and always being available when we needed advice," said Local 5342 President Chris Hagan. "We also want to thank Township Supervisor Chris Barnett and his support for the creation of a solid contract that will help improve recruitment and retention."

The three-year contract signed in December 2022 includes a 3 percent raise each year and several incentives, including time off for union activities, an increase in 401(K) employer contribution, and an 8 percent increase in hourly wages for fire fighters who carry certifications above EMT basic.

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- Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union (MPFFU) President Matthew Sahr



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Strong Union Work Pays Off For Poplar Bluff, MO Local 2543

Heading into negotiations, Poplar Bluff, MO Local 2543 had a strategically developed list of priorities — from long overdue wage increases to dangerously out-of-date fire apparatus. Local leadership worked tirelessly to ensure these issues were favorably resolved and that the lives and livelihoods of their sister and brother members were improved.

"Local 2543 leadership and members showed the power of a union," said General President Edward Kelly. "When we use our voice, and our elected officials are made to understand the importance of the issues fire departments face, our cities and towns are safer. We are proud of the good work accomplished in Poplar Bluff, both for our members and their community."

Members got a 6 percent raise in 2022 and will get another 3 percent in 2023. Local 2543's last increase was in 2015. The rank of lieutenant, which comes with a higher salary and longevity pay, was added to the contract — as was minimum staffing. Off-duty members must now be paid overtime when staffing falls below seven fire fighters.

"Working amicably with the city was key. It wasn't always easy, but it was worth it in the end," said Local 2543 President Justin Maddock. "We are very pleased with the "Local 2543 leadership and members showed the power of a union. When we use our voice, and our elected officials are made to understand the importance of the issues fire departments face, our cities and towns are safer. We are proud of the good work accomplished in Poplar Bluff, both for our members and their community."

- General President Edward Kelly

outcome of this contract."

Local 2543 also sought to protect health coverage. A 2019 city ordinance eliminated a subsidized family health insurance benefit for new city employees. After Local 2543 successfully argued legal precedence using a comparable situation with a different labor union, the city allowed the affiliate to keep this important benefit in the contract.

"Fire fighters are very family oriented, whether it is the family at home or in the station. It is very important that fire fighters know they and their families are protected so they can focus on their work," said Maddock. "If we lost the benefit, it would have been very hard on our membership. We are thankful that the city agreed not to remove the benefit."

Local 2543 tackled one last, pressing issue: aging fire apparatus.

The Seagraves fire engine at Fire Station 2 had been in operation for 42 years, more than twice the maximum manufacturer-recommended use. The engine remained in operation due to budget constraints — and because it was the only engine the Poplar Bluff Fire Department had that was short enough to clear the city's railroad bridge.

With guidance from IAFF 2nd District Field Service Representative Mark Fuller, Local 2543 submitted a successful FEMA Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant (AFG) to fund a new engine.

"I am very proud of the hard work the Poplar Bluff members put in addressing these issues," said 2nd District Vice President Mark Woolbright. "They have proven that small locals can have big successes if they tap into IAFF resources and stay determined."

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Cancer Legislation, PFAS in Spotlight in Advance of 30th Canadian Legislative Conference

A bill that proposes a national framework to address occupational cancer in fire fighters and PFAS in fire fighter gear are among several important issues in the spotlight in advance of the milestone 30th Canadian Legislative Conference March 27-28 in Ottawa.

Bill C-224, introduced in the House of Commons in January 2022 by Montreal-area Liberal MP Sherry Romanado, proposes several measures addressing occupational cancer, including fair compensation for fire fighters who contract the disease, data collection, and sharing and assessing the educational needs of the medical community. It also proposes proclaiming January as Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month in Canada.

The IAFF expressed its unwavering support for Bill C-224 in captivating and emotional testimony before the federal Standing Committee on Health Dec. 13 in Ottawa. Neil McMillan, IAFF Director of Science and Research, testified about the increased risk of cancer fire fighters face due to the job and the need to ensure fair and equitable compensation for fire fighters regardless of the province or territory in which they served.

"I have witnessed fire fighters and families denied recognition and face financial hardship due to cancers that would be readily accepted in neighbouring provinces or jurisdictions in the U.S.," McMillan testified.

Also testifying for the IAFF was Fort McMurray, AB Local 2494 member Ryan Pitchers, who gave graphic testimony about the gruelling work fire fighters did in May 2016 to save most of the city from a massive wildfire and the toxic exposures they faced while doing



IAFF Governmental Affairs Assistant Sandy Hamamoto, Montreal Local 125 President Chris Ross, MP Sherry Romanado, Special Assistant to the General President for Canadian Operations Sean McManus, and IAFF Director of Science and Research Neil McMillan.

so. Three Local 2494 members contracted cancers in the wake of the infamous blaze.

"As fire fighters, we've all lost colleagues to this terrible disease. We've all attended funerals, and we've all consoled grieving family members while coping with our own grief," Pitchers testified. "Anything that can be done to reduce cancer's toll on our profession, and our families, let's please do it."

Montreal Local 125 President Chris Ross, whose longtime friendship with Romanado led to the creation of Bill C-224, was also on Parliament Hill during the testimony. Bill C-224 is expected to pass third reading in the House of Commons soon and will go to the Senate for further study.

In addition to Bill C-224, the IAFF Canadian Office has been working on several crucial federal legislative issues in advance of the 30th Canadian Legislative Conference, including addressing dangerous Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in fire fighter gear, in step with ongoing IAFF initiatives.

Other issues emerging at the federal level in Canada include strengthening Canada's airport firefighting regulations, reducing violence against on-duty fire fighters and paramedics, improving fire fighter safety in the National

IAFF Members Respond to Massive Earthquake

IAFF members from California, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Burnaby (British Columbia, Canada) were among the first to arrive in Turkey to pull survivors from the rubble and provide life-saving supplies in the aftermath of the devastating Feb. 6 earthquake and subsequent aftershocks. More than 53,000 people were killed and 1.5 million have been left homeless.

Los Angeles County, CA Local 1014 member Jake Wendl was activated as part of the Los Angeles County Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) or California Task Force 2 (CA-TF2).

"There were no standing buildings. Multi-story buildings were pancaked to the ground," said Wendl. "There are no words to describe the level of devastation. It was all hands on deck for the first several hours after we arrived."

CA-TF2, along with Virginia Task Force 1 (VA-TF1) (including Fairfax County, VA Local 2068 members), and Burnaby Urban Search and Rescue (including Burnaby Local 323 and White Rock Local 2407 members) were assigned to the city of Aediyaman. On site, team leaders mapped out the areas with the most impact and organized search and rescue efforts. They utilized 12 dogs and specialized equipment to help look for potential survivors.

"The dogs were amazing. They could smell living people trapped under thick layers of rubble," said Wendl. "It was a good day to be able to dig through it all and pull someone out safely. Some had been trapped in there for days but had enough space to keep breathing and survive."

"We wish we could have done more, but we are proud to have helped as many as we did."

- Boston, MA Local 718 member Joe Lee

Sometimes the dogs and equipment would point to a place where life was believed to exist only to discover (after hours of digging) nothing was there. And there would be large swaths of time where no survivors were found.

In these tough moments, IAFF members on the USAR teams say it was especially helpful to have peer and behavioral health support on site.

Meanwhile, Turkish survivors were left without shelter or relief from freezing weather conditions. Once again, IAFF members were there to help. Three members of Boston, MA Local 718 — Justin Castellanos, Joe Lee, and Sean Wilson went to Turkey as part of the Fuel Relief Fund (fuelrelieffund.org) team to deliver more than 280 tons of coal in 50-pound bag portions.

"Turkey was still experiencing aftershocks when we arrived. In fact, we lost touch with some of the team members after a big one, which was stressful," said Lee. "It was a relief to later find out everyone was okay and ready to get to work helping the citizens of Turkey."

The charity recruited help from another disaster relief group called HelpNGo (help.ngo) and several Turkish citizens to distribute the coal to cities, towns, and villages across a 200-mile disaster area over a period of 11 days.

"Those that were left homeless were living in tents equipped with coal-burning stoves," said Lee. "These bags of coal meant that the homeless could stay warm and cook food. We wish we could have done more, but we are proud to have helped as many as we did."

The Fuel Relief Fund secures fuel for areas impacted by natural disasters in the United States and abroad. The team often works alongside the IAFF in the aftermath of hurricanes.

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 Fort McMurray, AB Local 2494 member Ryan Pitchers

Building Code, and the local cost implications of NextGen 9-11 dispatch systems.

Recognized as one of the top grassroots lobbies that descend on Parliament Hill, the IAFF Canadian Legislative Conference brings members from across Canada to the nation's capital annually to lobby their MPs and senators on federal legislative priorities. The conference features an orientation session for new delegates, an issues-focus session, guest speakers, and the IAFF Parliamentary Reception.

Information about conference and hotel registration has been sent to local affiliate leaders.



Royal Recognition

Sixty Alberta IAFF members including those pictured were recently recognized for their service and awarded the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal in recognition of the late Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne. Medal winners were also presented with a commemorative coin produced by the Alberta Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics Association, which was deemed a distribution partner for the medal by the Government of Alberta.





Jack Jessop Biennial Canadian Policy Conference June 26-27 in Burnaby, B.C.

The Jack Jessop Biennial Canadian Policy Conference will return to in-person format this summer in Burnaby, B.C.

The June 26-27 conference is a unique forum where affiliate leaders debate and vote on resolutions addressing a wide variety of issues affecting Canadian members as fire fighters and IAFF members. It is being hosted by IAFF Local 323.

The conference has grown to include presentations and interactive sessions where emerging trends affecting affiliates can be explored in detail with participation from IAFF



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The IAFF encourages Canadian affiliates to mark these dates on their calendar and

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Information about the Policy Conference and hotel registration, the deadline for resolutions, and the conference agenda will be sent to local and provincial affiliate leaders in the coming weeks.

Delegates at the 55th IAFF Convention adopted a resolution naming the conference after Jack Jessop, a Toronto fire fighter who served as the IAFF's first Canadian Director. Jessop, who opened the IAFF Canadian Office in 1969, pioneered the IAFF's Canadian Legislative Program and was widely regarded for his engaging and effective leadership qualities.

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Oshawa, Ontario Approves 20 Hires to Boost Public, Fire Fighter Safety

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Oshawa, Ontario is taking welcome steps to improve frontline emergency response capabilities following a tenacious campaign by IAFF Local 465 to address fire fighter and public safety shortfalls in the fast-growing city.

City council members voted on Jan. 19 to hire C. 20 new fire fighters — 15 more than initially ar planned — to ensure a new rescue vehicle at fir the city's busy downtown firehall will be gr equipped with four fire fighters, the minimum number required to conduct interior search and rescue upon arrival at a structure fire.

"It's been a four-year journey, but we're happy that [the] council has agreed that public and fire fighter safety necessitates four fire fighters per vehicle," said Oshawa Local 465 President Peter Dyson. "We're very grateful."

Dyson highlighted Oshawa's recent growth and the need to assign four personnel to the new vehicle in a presentation before the council's vote.

"It would not only ensure that there are enough fire fighters to protect our city, but it would prevent that gut-wrenching situation where two or three fire fighters roll up to a structure fire where people are trapped, but they have to wait outside for more crews to

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arrive, letting precious minutes pass at a time when every second counts," Dyson told councillors.

"This budget exercise is a golden opportunity for you to do what a growing number of Canadian fire departments have recently done and make the conscious decision to grow our fire department in step with community growth and ensure that when someone calls

9-1-1 in their moment of need, they get

the help they expect and deserve." Oshawa, which lies on the shore of Lake Ontario east of Toronto and has a population of just over 175,000, is one of the fastest growing cities in Canada. The city, which has a vibrant industrial base and a busy downtown core with older

structures, is still reeling from a tragic fire in January 2018 that claimed the lives of two adults and two children.

Dyson said that having former IAFF leader and senior staff member Jim Lee on the Oshawa council was a tremendous help in advocating the additional personnel.

"We have someone who speaks the language of fire fighters," he said, "and has a wealth of experience and expertise in fire department deployment and its direct impact on public and fire fighter safety." "It's been a four-year journey, but we're happy that [the] council has agreed that public and fire fighter safety necessitates four fire fighters per vehicle. We're very grateful."

- Oshawa Local 465 President Peter Dyson

He also thanked other members of council who advocated for improved fire department resources, including Tito-Dante Marimpietri and Brian Nicholson, as well as the Local 465 Executive Board and membership for their hard work.

Support and assistance from the IAFF, including 13th District Vice President Fred LeBlanc and the Canadian Office staff, was integral to Local 465's efforts, as were accessing services available through the IAFF. The local took advantage of numerous IAFF services, including a municipal financial analysis, GIS analysis, and custom media and communications assistance.

"As an IAFF local, you're never alone," said Dyson. "We used every resource the IAFF has to offer, and, working as a team, we've made an important step forward in fire fighter and public safety in our city."

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Mississauga Fire Fighters' Pink Truck Raises Funds for Cancer Research

Fire fighters in Mississauga, Ont. have found a colorful and effective way to raise funds for a local hospital network that conducts cancer research.

Mississauga Local 1212's pink-wrapped fire engine has raised more than \$416,000 for

Trillium Health Partners since 2015, including more than \$90,000 this year.

Local 1212 President Chris Varcoe explained that the initiative raised \$17,100 in its first year, and the amount has increased yearly since.

Trillium Health Partners challenged the fire fighters to raise \$100,000 in three years, "and we easily did that," Varcoe said.

The Mississauga Fire Fighters Pink Truck Tour raises funds through a combination of corporate sponsors like the Toyotoshi Group car dealerships and public t-shirt sales when the truck is brought to commercial locations like Canadian Tire stores. The engine is an actual in-service vehicle that the local wraps in pink every October. The eye-catching apparatus makes appearances at dozens of locations and events throughout the city between calls, and when the truck rolls up,

the donations roll in. Retired hockey star Doug Gilmour and other celebrities posed with the truck when it appeared on Oct. 20 outside Scotiabank Arena in nearby Toronto. Photos of the truck in action adorn social media all

month with the hashtag #pinktrucktour.

"The sky's the limit to what we can raise with this vehicle," Varcoe said proudly while thanking the efforts of Mississauga Fire Fighters Benevolent Fund Chairman Bryan Doucette, the crew that brings the truck to events, and the City of Mississauga and Fire Chief Deryn Rizzi for their gracious cooperation.

Congress Passes Legislation to encourage a "Secure" Retirement for Governmental Workers

As 2022 came to a close, Congress passed the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 ("SECURE 2.0") by attaching it as Division T to the much larger and broader Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023. The provisions of SECURE 2.0 had strong bipartisan support and built upon the initial improvements of the "original" Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act ("SECURE Act") passed at the end of 2019. The goals of SECURE 2.0 largely mirror those of the earlier SECURE Act: encouraging more employees to enroll in employer-provided DC retirement plans and increasing the amounts they can contribute to those plans. As an added bonus, SECURE 2.0 also made some beneficial law changes applicable solely to governmental 457(b) plans that will please both governmental employers and their employees.

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General President Recognizes Florida Member for Heroism

General President Edward Kelly presented Broward County, FL Local 4321 fire fighter Bryan Aparicio with the General President's Citation for Extraordinary Heroism during the IAFF Executive Board meeting in Hollywood, Florida. The citation acknowledges the extreme risk Aparicio took to save his girlfriend from a fiery crash.

"Bryan's swift and selfless actions no doubt saved Su's life," said Kelly. "The courage, valor, and love he showed in rescuing his girlfriend represent the absolute best of our profession."

In October 2022, Aparicio and his girlfriend, Su Hninyi, were traveling in an Uber to a planned vacation when the vehicle in front of them collided with a tanker truck, causing the truck to flip over and catch fire. Their Uber driver swerved to avoid the flaming tanker, hitting a concrete barrier wall.

Aparicio escaped through the back window as the car burst into flames. When he realized Hninyi was not behind him, he quickly returned to the vehicle — entering the blaze to save her.

"I just thought, 'I can't let her die," he said. "Because of the flames and damage to the car, the only way I could get her out was to pull her through the back window."

"The members of Local 4321, especially the crew at Station 10 where he is assigned, are proud to call him brother," said Local 4321 President Steve Bertuccio. "Bryan is one of our newer fire fighters, but he is already proving he's willing to go above and beyond to protect and save lives."



Broward County, FL Local 4321 member Bryan Aparicio is presented with the General President's Citation for Extraordinary Heroism after he saved his girlfriend from a fiery car crash.

"Bryan's swift and selfless actions no doubt saved Su's life. The courage, valor, and love he showed in rescuing his girlfriend represent the absolute best of our profession."

- General President Edward Kelly

"Recovery has been tough," said Aparicio, "but we are thankful for all the help and support the IAFF and my brother and sister fire fighters have given to us through this." Aparicio sustained second and third-degree burns to the face, hands, left arm, and ankle. Hninyi had third-degree burns to her hands, legs, and feet. Both had to spend several days in the hospital and required surgeries to help heal the burn injuries.

Hninyi is back to work as a personal trainer. Aparicio returned to work on light duty in January and full duty in February.

"Your bravery is an example," Kelly said while honoring Aparicio. "We will remember it every time we honor our brothers and sisters in the future with a General President's Citation."

Chicago Local 2 Provides Free Cancer Screenings to Members

More than 1,400 active and retired Chicago Local 2 members have received free cancer

screenings thanks to a partnership between Local 2 and the Rush Lung Center.

"More than 75 percent of the names that go up on the walls of the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial are due to occupational cancer," said General President Edward Kelly. "Early screenings can save lives and keep names off that wall. I applaud the great work being done by Local 2 and the Rush Lung Center."

Local 2 Vice President Pat Cleary got the idea to offer free cancer screenings for active and retired members after hearing retired member Bill Nolan's story. Nolan, who survived two bouts with lung cancer, was speaking on the importance of early cancer screenings, especially for fire fighters.

"As our members contract cancer at a much higher rate than the average population, we should be tested earlier and more often. After hearing Brother Nolan's story, I wanted to see what Local 2 could do to make that happen," said Cleary. "I reached out to Dr. Christopher Seder, a thoracic surgeon at the Rush Lung Center, to determine what could be done on behalf of our members."

> From there, Local 2 and the Rush Lung Center solidified their partnership. There was still a question of funding, however, as specific criteria must be met for annual cancer screenings to be covered by health insurance. So Local 2 agreed to pick up the cost for those members who do not meet the criteria.

The first of the screenings were held in March 2022 and have continued

with regularity. Technicians primarily check for lung cancer, but the process also includes screening for markers (e.g., high levels of calcium) of other cancers and heart attack risk.

"These screenings are especially important for our older members who were on the job when protective gear was either of a lesser quality than we have today or nonexistent," said Cleary. "I truly believe these screenings have already saved lives."

While some of these screenings have come up clean, others have found early stages of cancer,

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- Local 2 Vice President Pat Cleary

advanced cancer needing emergency surgery to remove tumor(s), and some at risk for a heart attack.

"It will take all of us to battle the scourge of cancer within our ranks," said Kelly. "This unique partnership in Chicago can serve as a model for other local affiliates to serve their brothers and sisters."

The IAFF and the American Cancer Society are working together to prevent cancer in fire fighters and support those currently battling the disease. Go to iaff.org/fightcancer to learn more.



Pat Cleary

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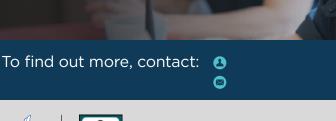
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L0122		Jacksonville Association of Fire Fighters		L0447		St. Thomas	
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L0858		Denver	
L0858	James Miller	Denver	CO
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L0964	Maurice Grant	Baltimore Fire Officers Association	MD
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L0964	Mark Woodruff	Baltimore Fire Officers Association	MD
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L0492	Ernie Higgins	Sarnia, ON	11/05/2005	
L0051	Kip A. Hall	El Paso, TX	10/21/2007	
L0176	Rodney W. Holmes	Tulsa, OK	02/23/2010	
L0094	Owen Carlock	New York, NY	05/23/2012	
L0094	Dennis J. Komar	New York, NY	03/31/2014	
F0065	Richard P. Howard	Halifax Naval Yard, NS	07/12/2014	
L0230	Richard M. Wardall	San Jose, CA	07/10/2015	
L0202	Stephen Leong	Fresno, CA	12/31/2015	
L0975	Joseph A. Church	Austin, TX	05/25/2017	
L2881	Daniel Geary	Cal Fire-Sacramento, CA	07/05/2018	
L0498	George D. Harris	Kingston, ON	02/21/2019	
L0498	Brian S. Coffey	Kingston, ON	04/24/2019	
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L1664	Ralph B. Turner	Montgomery County, MD	05/31/2019	
L1276		Deep River, ON		
L0125	Léopold Guillaume	Montréal, QC	06/15/2019	
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L0144		Brockton, MA		
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L2169	Ramon Figueroa	Porterville, CA	02/18/2020	
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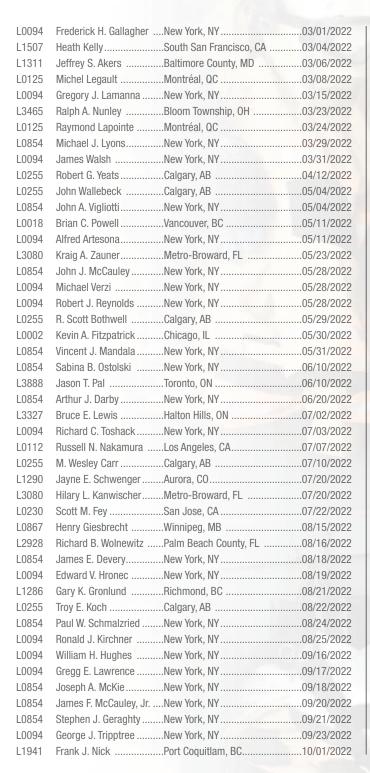
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L0149	Kent Brian Gilbertson	Boise, ID	
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