



Legislative & Information Update

Events.

- **2022 Legislative Conference.** The Conference is March 7-9, 2022. at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington D.C. **Please note that as of this writing you can not do in person appointments on the Hill with Congress due to COVID. I will continue to monitor the ability to go to the Hill for lobbying.** Note that Congress has a break in April from April 9-24 . You may be able to schedule in person appointments in your home-area Congressional District Offices. Here is a link to the 2022 Congressional Calendar.
<https://www.capitalthinkingblog.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2021/12/50223-Congressional-Calendar-2022-Handout.pdf>
- **2022 District Training Event.** The District PEP has been rescheduled for May 15-18, 2022. The event will be held at the Royal Sonesta in Baltimore Maryland. The event is on the 16th and 17th the 15th and 18th are travel days.
- **2022 Convention.** The 2022 Convention is still scheduled as a in person event in Ottawa Canada. The dates are August 8-12, 2022. The host hotel is the Westin Ottawa, Canada. Early Committees will need to be there around the 5th or 6th. **Please note that there is a vaccine requirement to travel to Ottawa. In addition, if you do not have a U.S. Passport for travel you should begin the process of getting one sooner than later.** Note that at the October 2021 Executive Board meeting the Executive Board directed staff to explore options for a hybrid Convention that would allow both virtual and in person attendance. We are hopeful that staff provides more information in the near future.
- **2022 Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial.** The memorial will be held on September 17, 2022, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Local F-317.

Welcome to Local F-317, Pease AFB, New Hampshire. Local F-317 is our newest Local in the District!

Notable IAFF Headquarters Staffing Changes.

Former Assistant to the General President (AGP) for Government and Political Affairs Kevin O'Conner (retired) has been hired on an interim basis to head up that department once again. Jane Blume, AGP for Communications and Media will be retiring.

Behavioral Health. (worth repeating)

Local Leaders can contact me or our District Behavioral Health Specialist Jonathan Lang if members need assistance. It is important to remember that we sometimes have members that need help dealing with issues such as job related or military service PTSD. The District is here to support our members and ensure they are given the guidance that is needed to get help. Please feel free to contact me or Jon. Jon can be reached at (703) 307-4026.

Unfair Labor Practices.

In **DE-CA-21-0135** the Agency (Commander, Joint Base San Antonio) unilaterally applied a collective bargaining agreement upon the bargaining unit. The “CBA” was forced upon the unit during the last few months of the Trump Administration. The “CBA” applied the Trump executive orders and changed many of the working conditions of the bargaining unit. An unfair labor practice charge was filed with the Federal Labor Relations Authority by Local F-89 with 16th District assistance. The FLRA has sustained the charge and sought a settlement agreement that would revoke the egregiously applied “CBA”. **This case has been settled. The Agency has agreed to put the three legacy contacts back into place and the Commander, Brig. General Miller will be signing a notice. Great work by Service Rep. Joe Love and Attorney R. Coploff from McGillivray/Steele/Elkin.** It has been a long battle for F-89 President Avery Carter and his members at F-89. For more information contact DFSR Joe Love at jlove@iaff16.org .

Petitions.

In **WA-RP-21-0003** the Agency (Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic) filed a petition to consolidate seven (7) IAFF Locals within the region. The 16th District submitted a statement opposing the consolidation. Thereafter the FLRA issued an order to show cause to the Union regarding why the FLRA should not order the consolidation. The District responded to the order. After consideration of written submissions by the parties the FLRA Washington D.C. Regional Director ordered a hearing which was scheduled for June 2021. However, the District submitted an additional Statement to the FLRA citing cases that show that that the petition should be dismissed. Thereafter, the FLRA issued an Order to Show Cause to the Agency as to why the FLRA should not dismiss the petition. Thereafter, the FLRA D.C. Regional Director dismissed the Agencies Petition which is the action the 16th District was seeking. **Afterward the Agency filed an Appeal, and the 16th District filed a response. The Authority sided with the Agency on the appeal and remanded the case back to the Regional Director for further consideration. We are now once again waiting on the Regional Director’s decision.** For more information contact the IAFF Regional Representative DFSR Joe Love at jlove@iaff16.org .

In **WA-RP-22-0006** the 16th District filed a petition on behalf of Local F-316 to represent fire fighters at the Navy’s Cutler Maine facility. Initial conference calls have been held with the FLRA and the Agency and we expect ballots to be mailed to the fire fighters sometime in February.

Information regarding the “Authority’s” current appointments. The Federal Labor Relations Authority is a quasi-judicial body with three full-time Members who the President appoints for fixed, five-year terms, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The President designates one Member to serve as the FLRA Chairman, and as the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the agency. President Biden has nominated (nominations which the 16th District supports) two individuals (Susan Tsui Grundmann as a member of the three-member FLRA and Kurt Rumsfeld as FLRA General Counsel) to Authority that will eventually bring an end the Trump-appointed majority at the FLRA. The former President’s politicization of the authority, and the Authority’s anti-worker decisions will at some point come to an end. Despite nominees being provided to the Senate around August 4, 2021 the Senate has however failed to act on the appointments.

For more information on the Federal Labor Relations Authority please visit this link.
<https://www.flra.gov/>

Impasse.

Several Locals within Navy Region Mid-Atlantic (NRMA) proceeded to mediation and impasse before the Federal Services Impasse Panel (FSIP) regarding the application of language within the NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act) directing the Agency to adopt an alternative work schedule for the Locals as part of a demonstration project. For an extended amount of time agency representatives failed to comply with the language in the NDAA and the direction of Congress. *The agency did however propose a schedule that does not comply with the law.* The Locals (F-37, F-61, F-100, F-123, F-147, and F-219) separately submitted the issue to the Federal Service Impasse Panel for resolution. **This case has been settled.** The parties spent nearly 23 hours over a two-day period before FSIP Chairman Martin H. Malin, and FSIP Panel Member Jeanne Charles. After aggressive debate and discussion, NRMA has agreed to adopt an AWS for the Locals. For more information contact the IAFF NRMA Representative DFSR Joe Love at jlove@iaff16.org .

For more information on the Federal Service Impasse Panel please visit this link.

<https://www.flra.gov/components-offices/components/federal-service-impasses-panel-fsip-or-panel>

CBA Committee. If you need help with any Collective Bargaining Agreement issues reach out to one of the Committee Members for assistance.

Collective Bargaining Agreement Committee

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City Hall--Congress.

The IAFF Legislative Staff and the District Legislative Committee have been working to get several Bills reintroduced in the 117th Congress. ***If you connect with a House Member or Member of the Senate regarding a federal fire issue, please let one of the Committee Members know so they can follow up.***

Legislative Committee

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Outstanding work has been done by our Legislative Committee and several Locals in garnering support and passage for the Federal Fire Fighter Trade time Legislation. A special thanks goes out to Greg Russell for all the great work he put into the project!

HR. 393 Federal Fire Fighters Pay Equity Act, (Rep. Connolly) Co-Sponsors 31 +1, Corrects **pension calculation** to fully include all scheduled hours worked. This would include the proper overtime rate for the 38 hours into the pension calculation. Committees: House - Oversight and Reform.

HR. 521 First Responder Fair Retire Act, (Rep. Connolly) Co-Sponsors 15 +2, Allows line of duty injured medically disqualified to **retain Special retirement** category coverages. Committees: House - Oversight and Reform; Intelligence (Permanent Select); Foreign Affairs.

HR. 2499 Federal Fire Fighters Fairness Act, (Rep Carbajal) Co-Sponsors 95 +3, Federal Fire Fighter **Presumptive Illness**. Committees: House - Education and Labor.

~~**HR. 2059 Federal Firefighter Flexibility and Fairness Act**~~, (Rep Sarbanes), Co-Sponsors 4, **Trade Time**. Allows Federal Fire fighter to make trade time arrangements outside of a single pay period. Committees: House Oversight and Reform. **Passed and signed into law!!!!**

S. 129 First Responder Fair Retire Act, (Sen. Tester) Co-Sponsors 2, Allows line of duty injured medically disqualified to **retain Special retirement** category coverages. This is a Senate companion Bill to HR 521. Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

~~**S. 838 Federal Firefighter Flexibility and Fairness Act**~~, (Sen. Van Hollen), Co-Sponsors 5 +1, **Trade Time**. Allows Federal Fire fighter to make trade time arrangements outside of a single pay period. This is the Senate companion Bill to HR 2059. Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Passed and signed into law!!!!**

S. 1116 Federal Fire Fighters Fairness Act, (Sen. Collins/Carper), Co-Sponsors 6 +2, Federal Fire Fighter **Presumptive Illness**. This is the Senate companion Bill to HR 2499. Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

For more information on these issues such as lists of Co-Sponsors please visit www.congress.gov and enter the Bill number.

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Feel free to reach out to me or any of Team 16 with any questions about any topic. They truly are some of the most knowledgeable and experienced leaders in the District!

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PEP Instructors are assigned to teach IAFF training modules at IAFF training events (ALTS and District PEP events).

IAFF Standing Committee Assignments

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Board Meetings

The following IAFF Executive Board meetings have been scheduled for 2022:

February 20-25, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

June 2022, Ottawa, Canada

Stay Safe Brothers and Sisters...

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