



## *Washington State Council of Fire Fighters*

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### **COINING**

The practice of coining was introduced to the WSCFF through the Lakewood local, near Ft. Lewis and McCord. The concept is from military units who have their own coin that identifies their unit. It is created for them exclusively and members carry the coins “religiously”. When members have gathered, possibly for a beverage, (as if), and one of the group challenges the others by presenting his coin on the table, the others must respond by showing their coins. The member, who does not have a coin or is the one to place the challenge when all members have their coins, buys the round.

The Public Relations committee was presented with this idea at last year’s Convention and has developed the WSCFF Coin. We have three types that are available for purchase with the proceeds going to fund the project and to benefit the WSCFF Benevolent Fund. The coins are gold or silver in color (\$10.00 each) or a combination 24 Karat Gold and .999 pure silver coin with a display case, (\$40.00). The coins are dated with the year and the plan is to have new ones made each year, as collector items.

The coin kick off at our Legislative Conference this year was remarkable and the first run of 400 sold out quickly. We have received more coins and want to give notice that they will be available for purchase at Convention in SeaTac or at the WSCFF office.

Your support of this project and your Benevolent Fund would be appreciated. You may be sitting at the table when the challenge is made, then how would you feel...Oops, no coin!