

2018 WSCFF Convention Resolution

SUBJECT: Behavioral Health Awareness for Families
RESOLUTION #: 18-25

WHEREAS: There is a growing concern about the behavioral health issues and the significant impact on firefighter wellness; and

WHEREAS: The stresses faced by firefighters have shown to have a cumulative impact on mental health and wellbeing, resulting in PTSD, suicide, addiction, relationship issues and more; and

WHEREAS: PTSD and cumulative exposures are presumptive conditions in Washington State; and

WHEREAS: Peer support programs/behavioral health education and training are being highly encouraged at IAFF and WSCFF levels; and

WHEREAS: The signs/symptoms of behavioral health issues are highly likely to manifest in a firefighter's home life; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the WSCFF and host locals for future WSCFF annual conventions will provide an educational opportunity for significant others and families to help them understand signs/symptoms of behavioral health issues and how to address them appropriately.

SUBMITTED BY: Safety & Health

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ASSIGNED DESIGNATION: