

# the Council Connection

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## Healthy In, Healthy Out

**A manual focused on the best practices for reducing fire fighter risk of exposure to carcinogens is now available!**

Kent Fire Department RFA and the WSCFF were awarded a Safety Health Investment Project grant from the Department of Labor and Industries to work on compiling the significant information found in this manual.

The goal of this manual is to encourage safe practices from the first day as a fire fighter to retirement. Specifically identified are the best routines every fire fighter should follow that reduce risk of exposures to carcinogens. "Cancers are not going away in this profession, and we owe it to

ourselves to take every precaution to reduce exposures," stated WSCFF 10<sup>th</sup> District Representative Dean Shelton.

Included is a copy for your local. The manuals are available in two locations – the WSCFF office in Olympia, 1-800-572-5762; and the Kent Fire Station, c/o Greg Markley, 253-740-5100.

We would like all members to have a copy. Please help us in getting these manuals in to the hands of every fire fighter in Washington.

## Welcome to Our Newly Elected 4th District Representative!

Mike Westland of Local 3520, East Pierce Fire Fighters, was elected by acclamation as our newest WSCFF Board member to serve the WSCFF 4th District. Mike has an been active participant at our events for a number of years and has also taken on various tasks when asked to do so. Mike replaces Dennis Lawson, who took the

position of WSCFF President on February 4. In the words of IAFF 7th DVP Kelly Fox, "Mike has been an outstanding advocate for his local and the principles of the the WSCFF. He represents his district well."

Welcome aboard, Mike! We are pleased to have you on the WSCFF Board!

**March 2016**

**OFFICERS**  
**DENNIS LAWSON**  
*President*

**GREG MARKLEY**  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

**MIKE BACON**  
*Vice President*  
*First District Rep.*

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**RYAN MUDIE**  
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**JOHN STOCKMAN**  
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*Ninth District*

**DEAN SHELTON**  
*Tenth District*

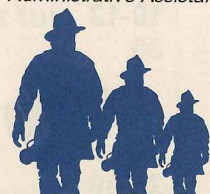
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## IAFF 7th District Events

### Reserve Your Spot for the Young Firefighter Conference and Fire Ops 101!

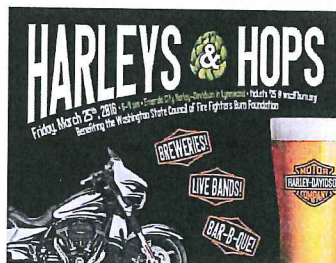
Registration information for both events were mailed to every local and posted on the WSCFF website [www.wscff.org](http://www.wscff.org). IAFF 7th District Vice President Kelly Fox requests your commitment as soon as possible if you or someone from your local plan to attend:

**May 5 & 6, 2016 ~ Fire Ops 101**, Volpentest Hammer Federal Training Facility. There is a block of rooms reserved at the Red Lion Hotel– Richland Hanford House for the Night of May 5, 2016. Contact Debbie Guillot, [Debbie@wscff.org](mailto:Debbie@wscff.org) or 800-572-5762 for information and registration.

**May 10-12, 2016 ~ Young Fire Fighters Conference** being held at the Red Lion Columbia Center in Kennewick. To reserve rooms, please call 800-733-5466 by April 10, 2016 and request a room in the “block” using event code IAFF0517. Contact Kelly Fox, [kfox@iaff.org](mailto:kfox@iaff.org) or 360-791-6201 for information.

### Harley's & Hops ~ A WSCFF Burn Foundation Event!

Friday, March 25, 2016  
6:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.  
Emerald City Harley  
Highway 99  
Lynnwood, WA



14 Breweries \*3Live Bands \*BBQ

Go to the WSCFFBF website,  
[www.wscffburn.org](http://www.wscffburn.org)  
for more details!



## Calendar of Events



### APRIL

**3-6** IAFF Legislative Conference, Washington, DC  
**18 & 22** WSCFF Executive Board Meeting, Spokane Doubletree  
**19-21** WSCFF/IAFF Jointly-Sponsored Educational Seminar, Spokane Doubletree

### MAY

**5-6** Fire Ops 101, Volpentest Hammer Federal Training Facility  
**10-12** Young Fire Fighter Conference, Red Lion Columbia Center  
**30** WSCFF Office Closed for Memorial Day



### JUNE

**27** WSCFF Executive Board Meeting, Vancouver Hilton  
**28-30** WSCFF 77th Annual Convention, Vancouver Hilton







## **WSCFF/IAFF 2016 JOINTLY SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR**

**April 19-24, 2016**

**DoubleTree Hotel Spokane City Center ~ Spokane, Washington**

Registration and information packets were mailed to all locals and posted to the WSCFF website. Please watch for this information and review it carefully. Please have your local's registration form returned by April 4, 2016, to avoid the late fee.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Council office at 800-572-5762.

### **PR Committee moves forward!**

At the 2015 WSCFF Convention, delegates passed Resolution 15-08 directing us to implement a public relations strategic plan. The first step in this effort is the development of a new, public-facing website. The Public Relations Committee, chaired by WSCFF 8<sup>th</sup> District Representative Bill Mack, has been hard at work on this endeavor.

In February, the committee took the website on the road. Members were invited to workshops in Moses Lake, Puyallup, and Everett to see the website design, provide input and ideas, and learn how to create content for the new site. Ninety-one members from 54 locals attended. Thank you to all who participated. The workshops were very productive.

Stay tuned; we plan to unveil the new website at the Educational Seminar in April. We are very excited to show what the PR Committee has accomplished. We hope to see you there!

### **SAFER Grant Deadline Draws Near**

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities.

The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the NFPA (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720). For details visit [www.nfpa.org/freeaccess](http://www.nfpa.org/freeaccess).

The application period will close at 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday March 25, 2016. For application information go to [www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants](http://www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants).



**The WSCFF Burn Foundation has a new address.**

**Send all correspondence and donations to:**

**PO BOX 6383**

**Kent, Washington 98064**

## CURRENT CONTRACTS

Per Resolution 03-22, the following is a list of WSCFF affiliate locals that do not have current contracts on file. If your local is on this list and you have a current contract, please send us your updated information. You may do this via email or regular mail [lisa@wscff.org](mailto:lisa@wscff.org) or 1069 Adams Street SE, Olympia, WA 98501.

This list will be updated in every Council Connection per the resolution. Please let us know if your records differ from ours.

Note: Please remember to send in your new contract if your last one we have on file is expired.

Local	Local Name	Exp	Local	Local Name	Exp
0027	SEATTLE	2014	2898	SEATTLE FIRE CHIEFS	2015
0029	SPOKANE	2015	2903	LACEY	2015
0046	EVERETT	2014	3427	SKAGIT CO. PARAMEDICS	2015
0404	WALLA WALLA	2015	3542	SUNNYSIDE	2013
0437	BREMERTON	2015	3628	YELM FF'S	2015
0451	CENTRALIA	2013	3674	CLARK CO. #11	2015
0453	WENATCHEE	2013	3701	SPOKANE VALLEY CHIEFS	2015
0469	YAKIMA	2013	3711	SPOKANE CO. 8	2015
0656	PORT ANGELES	2010	3680	UNION GAP	2014
0864	RENTON	2015	3728	ARLINGTON	2013
1352	VRFA	2015	3740	SKYWAY FF'S	2015
1433	PASCO	2015	3828	COWLITZ 2 FIRE F&R	2015
1604	BELLEVUE	2015	3835	CHELAN CO. 1	2015
1758	ELLENSBURG	2014	4075	GRAYS HARBOR	2012
1810	NORTH HIGHLINE	2014	4111	BURLINGTON	2015
1892	PULLMAN	2015	4118	NORTH CO. PROF. FF'S	2015
1919	CHENEY	2015	4156	PROF FF'S OF CLARK CO 3	2014
2024	SO. KING CO. PRO FF'S	2015	4197	DOUGLAS COUNTY #2	2011
2109	OCEAN SHORES	2014	4203	COLLEGE PLACE	2012
2299	CLARKSTON	2014	4299	CENTRAL WHIDBEY ISLAND	2012
2328	TOPPENISH	2013	4378	VANCOUVER FIRE COMMAND	2013
2545	KIRKLAND	2010	4440	MCNIEL ISLAND	
2595	KING CO MEDICS	2014	4447	COWLITZ CO. 5	
2597	SNOHOMISH CO. AIRPORT	2014	4459	ORTING	
2639	ABERDEEN	2015	4863	LEWIS CO. FF'S	
2694	SNOHOMISH CO. 4	2014	4965	TRI-COUNTY FF'S	
2781	SNOHOMISH CO. UNION FF'S	2015	F-282	PUGET SOUND FED. FF'S	
2776	RAYMOND	2013	F-283	FORT LEWIS FIRE FIGHTERS	2012
2819	PROF FF'S OF KITSAP CO.	2015	F-304	US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION	
2829	REDMOND	2015			
2876	SOUTH KITSAP DIST 7	2010			



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Fax: 360-943-2333  
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# South King Firefighters Ball

Benefiting "The Soup Ladies"



**April 22, 2016 7-11 pm**

**The Cove at Normandy Park:** 1500 SW Shorebrook Drive, Normandy Park

## **Tickets:**

- ★ \$50/person through March 31, \$75 April 1 - 15. ★ Tickets include 2 free drinks.
- ★ Ticket sales: check your email for purchasing information
- ★ Limited tickets available so don't wait!

## **Entertainment:**

- ★ Raffle: Round-trip airfare for 2 to Chicago - Historical Speakeasy Tour - Lodging
- ★ Silent and live auctions ★ Music ★ Dancing ★ Dress the part



[www.facebook.com/southkingfirefightersball](http://www.facebook.com/southkingfirefightersball)

@southkingffball #southkingffball2016 #ffballspeakeasy  
email: southkingfirefightersball@gmail.com

Presented by: **TRI-MED**

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## WSCFF Executive Board Meeting ~Olympia, Washington

February 1, 2016

**Present:** Kelly Fox, President; Greg Markley, Secretary-Treasurer; Mike Bacon, 1<sup>st</sup>; Jeff Wainwright, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Tim Hoover, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Dennis Lawson, 4<sup>th</sup>/ Vice President; Brian Hurley 5<sup>th</sup>, excused; Ryan Mudie, 6<sup>th</sup>; John Stockman, 7<sup>th</sup>; Bill Mack, 8<sup>th</sup>; Keven Rojecki, 9<sup>th</sup>; Dean Shelton, 10<sup>th</sup>; Theresa Purtell, 11<sup>th</sup>. Legislative Liaisons Geoff Simpson and Mike White.  
**Guest:** Steve Nelsen, Executive Director, LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board.

1. Meeting called to order at 0900 by President Fox.
2. 1<sup>st</sup> District Representative Mike Bacon reported on nine LODDs across the country since our last meeting.
3. President Fox asked for a moment of silence for those members lost since our last meeting.
4. M/S/P to accept the last meeting minutes into the record.
5. Discussion surrounding the legal action taken by Wynn Loiland against the state of Washington related to his injuries, the Professional Rescuer Doctrine and the inability to sue. Legal representation for Wynn has asked that the WSCFF sign on to an amicus brief on his behalf.
6. Legislative Liaison Michael White briefed the board on the Legislative Conference agenda and issues book.
7. Discussion regarding recent court rulings addressing access to public employee cell phone records while employees are at work regardless of whether they are persona/private phones. Will contact Dimitri Iglitzen as this issue was addressed at an educational conference.
8. Guest Steve Nelsen addressed the board regarding LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board bills, including:
  - a. LEOFF II benefit coverage while deployed by the federal or state government for disaster or other response.
  - b. LEOFF II retiree annuity purchase that would include LEOFF I retirees and the Washington State Patrol.
9. Discussion surrounding the Arlington, Evergreen and Skagit County (Central Valley Ambulance Authority) medics for past PERS service while working for a hospital district.
10. Helen Kramer addressed the board regarding upcoming PR seminars for the new website.
11. The WSCFF will be partnering on a bill with the Fire Chiefs, Commissioners and Volunteers to create a Firefighter Memorial License Plate to help fund a memorial on the state grounds.
12. Other legislative issues this year include wildland deployments, fireworks, clean-up language for RFA's and cities annexing into fire districts.
13. Secretary/Treasurer Markley reported on upcoming negotiations with our office staff and OPEIU as the contract will expire the end of August. Also discussions on deferred compensation providers including Nationwide, Galloway Financial (IAFF advisor) and Arista Wealth Management. Barnes Lake condo update to repair fire damage.
14. Board discussion regarding what to do with our members who want to offer their services to the members, i.e., mortgage, insurance, etc. Staff will create a section on the existing website for our members to offer their services.
15. Secretary/Treasurer Markley presented financials, including bank balances, investments, Northwest Fire Fighters Trust and American Income Life.
16. Discussions regarding January 13 meeting with Local 31 board, WSCFF trustees and other guests.
17. M/S/T to reimburse 6<sup>th</sup> District Representative Ryan Mudie for legal fees incurred for attendance and preparation for the attorney who attended the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
18. Vice President Lawson discussed policies for review and clean up.
19. M/S/P to create a committee composed of the President, VP, Secretary/Treasurer and two board members to review all existing policies to clean-up or clarifying language by the next board meeting. Board members appointed are Ryan Mudie and Bill Mack.
20. Discussion about Local 27 audit request through 11<sup>th</sup> District Representative Theresa Purtell. More clarifying information to come at the meeting on February 4.
21. M/S/P to place Local 5085 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> WSCFF District.
22. The board will be meeting on February 3 in the afternoon for PR program update with Cindy Sharpe and Jen Pennington of Rhizome Design.

Adjourned for the day at 1630.

## WSCFF Executive Board Meeting ~Olympia, Washington

February 4, 2016

**Present: Kelly Fox, President; Greg Markley, Secretary-Treasurer; Mike Bacon, 1<sup>st</sup>; Jeff Wainwright, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Tim Hoover, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Dennis Lawson, 4<sup>th</sup>/ Vice President; Brian Hurley, 5<sup>th</sup>; Ryan Mudie, 6<sup>th</sup>; John Stockman, 7<sup>th</sup>; Bill Mack, 8<sup>th</sup>; Keven Rojecki, 9<sup>th</sup>; Dean Shelton, 10<sup>th</sup>; Theresa Purtell, 11<sup>th</sup>. Legislative Liaisons Geoff Simpson and Mike White.**

1. Meeting called to order at 0830 by President Fox.
2. President Fox announced his formal resignation effective immediately given his new position as IAFF 7<sup>th</sup> District Vice President.
3. Vice President Lawson was sworn in as the new President of the WSCFF per the Constitution and Bylaws.
4. Nominations were held for a new WSCFF Vice President with Lawson vacating the position; and Mike Bacon was elected by the board by acclamation.
5. President Lawson went over the resolution status sheet update.
6. Discussion regarding the ability for the Segregated Fund to give money to a political action committee. This is not permissible under Washington State Law.
7. 3<sup>rd</sup> District Representative Tim Hoover reported that Jeff Stevens with Douglas 2 had been fired again, and the IAFF Guardian Program has been requested. The WSCFF censured Chief Dave Baker through resolution 15-32.
8. The election of the new 4<sup>th</sup> district representative will take place on March 4 at 0900 to replace Dennis Lawson.
23. Previous motion that was tabled was brought back to the table: M/S/P to reimburse 6<sup>th</sup> District Representative Ryan Mudie for legal fees incurred for attendance and preparation for the attorney who attended the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, President Lawson will provide in writing that the issue is closed, and 6<sup>th</sup> District Representative Mudie will work with President Lawson to update the Trustees' report with additional information or rebuttal. Both parties agree, once completed, that this matter will be considered closed; and the WSCFF will reimburse Mudie \$6,941.74 for attorney fees and preparation.
24. Legislative Liaisons Mike White and Geoff Simpson updated the board on several issues, including:
  - a. Meeting with gubernatorial candidate Bill Bryant.
  - b. Possible recommendation on the early endorsement of Jay Inslee was discussed.
  - c. Presumptive bill not likely to be heard this session.
  - d. Possible need for a lobby day for the board depending on how the session progresses.
  - e. Continued discussions on wildland deployments
25. Further discussion about Local 27's request to perform a six-year audit.
26. M/S/P to engage McSwain & Company to perform an audit of the 2014/15 budget year.
27. 10<sup>th</sup> District Representative Dean Shelton reported on the L&I SHIP grant and the final product of "Healthy In Healthy Out," with the goal to distribute to all firefighters and departments in Washington State.
28. M/S/F to do a three-year audit of the financial records of the WSCFF.
29. Discussion regarding Red Safety (a private enterprise that offers smoke detector installation, duct cleaning and other services door-to-door).
30. Discussion regarding the Washington State Professional Firefighters license plates and a possible requirement to have retirees subscribe as "active/retired."
31. Secretary/Treasurer Markley encouraged all board members to join the Presidents Club of the Washington State Labor Council.
32. IAFF 7<sup>th</sup> DVP Fox addressed the board about activities in the 7<sup>th</sup> district, including:
  - a. Young Member Conference will be held May 10-12 at the Kennewick Red Lion. Registration to open in a couple of weeks.
  - b. Fire Ops will be held May 5-6 at the HAMMER Training Facility in Hanford.
  - c. Review of field service reps and their assignments.
  - d. Planning for the 7<sup>th</sup> District Gala continues for Convention in Las Vegas in August.
  - e. The IAFF communications class will be held May 16-20.
  - f. Peer review for FIREACT and SAFER grants will be held over the next several months.

Adjourn at 1300 hours.

## WSCFF Benevolent Board Meeting ~ Olympia, Washington

February 4, 2016

**Present: Dennis Lawson, President; Kelly Fox; Greg Markley, Secretary-Treasurer; Mike Bacon, Vice President/1<sup>st</sup>; Jeff Wainwright, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Tim Hoover, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Brian Hurley, 5<sup>th</sup>; Ryan Mudie, 6<sup>th</sup>; John Stockman, 7<sup>th</sup>; Bill Mack, 8<sup>th</sup>; Keven Rojecki, 9<sup>th</sup>; Dean Shelton, 10<sup>th</sup>; Theresa Purtell, 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Meeting called to order at 1300 hours.

1. M/S/P to give \$1000 to the Washington State Labor Council Mural project
2. M/S/P to give \$1250 to the Center for Women and Democracy (Purtell)
3. M/S/P to give \$300 to the Ronald McDonald House charity
4. M/S/P to give \$3500 to the Washington CLUB Event
5. M/S/P to give \$1000 to the South King County Firefighters Ball
6. M/S/P to give \$1250 to the Nick of Time dinner and 10-year anniversary (Mack)
7. M/S/P to give up to \$500 to the Jerry Gwin Local 315 fund in Hoquiam
8. M/S/P to give \$3500 to Camp Blaze (Purtell)
9. M/S/P to give \$350 to Alzheimer Walk (Shelton)
10. M/S/P to give \$250 to Leukemia run event for Mike Cooper's daughter (Hoover)
11. M/S/P to give \$400 to the Black Hills Youth Softball group in Thurston County

Meeting adjourned at 1400 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Greg Markley, Secretary-Treasurer

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