

# the Council Connection

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## The Bell Has Been Rung on Right to Work, Fire Fighters Stand Ready to Answer the Call

On February 8, President Dennis Lawson testified before the Senate Commerce, Labor and Sports committee on Senate Bill S5692 that would make Washington a "Right to Work" state. While fire fighters and law enforcement were excluded from this legislation, President Lawson said "as we've seen across this country, you can carve us out but at some point you will come for us. This bill doesn't lift us up, it divides us further . . . the bell has been rung at the fire station and we stand locked arm in arm with labor ready to answer the call." More than 1,100 people came to Olympia to express their opposition, including many WSCFF members who came to show solidarity with Washington workers. While this legislation may not advance in our state at this time, the move toward Right To Work is a very real threat to the existence of unions in the United States and we need to be ready. Remember the WSCFF Public Relations efforts are designed to help combat these relentless attacks on labor. Promote the good things your local does in your community. Work with your PR representative to create content for [washingtonfirefighters.org](http://washingtonfirefighters.org). For assistance, contact Therese Murphy, [therese@wscff.org](mailto:therese@wscff.org).

Right to Work Crowd in the Capitol Building



Members from Local 828 Longview



# Solidarity!

Members of the 9th District



March 2017

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## Your Health Care Benefits Are At Risk

It's not clear when President Trump and Congress will act, or exactly what they will do, but one thing is certain, major changes are coming and your benefits are at risk, no matter where you get them. In addition to their efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the President and Congressional Republicans are working on a plan to tax workplace health benefits. According to the AFL-CIO Kevin Brady, (R-Texas), the chairman of the tax writing committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, wants to tax part of the cost of workplace health benefits by including the cost in working people's taxable income. So does the person Trump hired to be in charge of health care, Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price. **If you get your health benefits on the job this will raise your taxes and lead to even higher deductibles and co-pays.** Some employers could even cancel their health plans in response.

Washington members of Congress Suzan DelBene and Dave Reichert sit on the Ways and Means committee. WSCFF members who live in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional district have been asked to contact their offices to express opposition to a tax on employer provided health care. In addition, WSCFF District Representatives and members will attend the IAFF Legislative Conference in early March and will meet with members of Washington's Congressional delegation about issues critical to firefighters wages, working conditions and health and safety.



## 2017 Legislative Update and Member Communication

We are about half way through the 105-day legislative session. Every member with an email address on file is receiving a weekly legislative update this year.

Please be sure these messages are not getting hung up on your spam or junk filters. Communication from WSCFF is union business and may contain political information. Please do not use your employer's email.

If you wish to receive these reports, but are not getting them, please contact [therese@wscff.org](mailto:therese@wscff.org).

For more information on the bills sponsored by, supported, and opposed by the WSCFF, or to review a digital copy of our 2017 Legislative Issues Book, visit [WSCFF.org](http://WSCFF.org).

## 2017 Fully Involved Award

It is an honor to introduce the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters Fully Involved Award. The award shall be presented to those who have, as union members, proven their commitment to the greater good, dedicated their time and energy to better their local and/or those around them, and have placed others before self. The Fully Involved Award is our way to highlight members' work, dedication, and commitment to our profession and our great union.

A member may be nominated by his or her local, other locals, and/or the WSCFF Executive Board. A name presented for consideration must include the member's full name, local number, and the reason he or she should be considered. Be as detailed as possible when submitting a name. An individual may be nominated for his or her work on a specific project, or over the course of his or her career.

The WSCFF President has appointed a committee of five (5) WSCFF board members who will review the nominees and provide a recommendation to the WSCFF Executive Board. The WSCFF Board will then select three recipients. The three award winners will be announced at our annual convention during our awards banquet.

Nominations will open on February 6, and close on April 1, 2017. To be considered, letters must be emailed or postmarked on or before April 1, 2017.

Emailed submissions will be sent to [Helen@wscff.org](mailto:Helen@wscff.org) – with Fully Involved in the subject line or mail them to the WSCFF office, ATTN: Fully Involved. We know there are many members doing great work and look forward to your submissions.



## 2017 WSCFF Education Seminar

April 24-26th, 2017

The Davenport Hotel, Spokane, WA

Registration and Information packets have been mailed out and posted to the WSCFF website. Call the council office at (360) 943-3030 with any questions you may have, and we will be happy to help you.

We look forward to seeing you in Spokane!



### Calendar of Events



#### March

- 15 Deadline for Scholarship Applications
- 23, 24 Fire Ops, Volpentest Hammer Training and Education Center, Richland, Wa

#### April

- 1 Deadline for Fully Involved Award
- 5 Early Bird registration deadline for Educational Seminar
- 25-27 IAFF/WSCFF Educational Seminar, The Davenport Hotel, Spokane Wa
- 24, 28 Board Meeting

#### May

- 15-18 2017 Young Fire Fighters Conference for members 35 or younger OR who have less than 4 years on the job. Red Lion Columbia Center-Kennewick, Wa
- 29 Memorial Day, WSCFF Office Closed

### WSCFF Benevolent Fund 2017 Scholarship Deadline Approaching Deadline: March 15th, 2017

The WSCFF Benevolent Fund is pleased to announce the 14th annual scholarship program. Applications for scholarships are available on our website [www.wscff.org](http://www.wscff.org). An applicant must meet the following requirements to be considered:

- The scholarships will be made available to the dependents of current and past members of the WSCFF.
- The scholarship will be used for university/college/trade school expenses; i.e., tuition and books.
- Applicants must be a **senior** in high school.

Note: applications must be postmarked March 15, 2017.

Please visit our website, [www.wscff.org](http://www.wscff.org) to get the scholarship application.

The WSCFF is grateful to Dimartino Associates for once again sponsoring this valuable program!



Safe Call Now is a resource for public safety employees to speak confidentially with officers, former law enforcement officers, public safety professionals and/or mental healthcare providers who are familiar with your line of work.

**MAKE A SAFE CALL NOW: 206-459-3020**

Safe Call Now provides public safety employees, all emergency services personnel and their family members nationwide with a simple and confidential way to ask for help and is staffed by officers, former law enforcement officers and public safety professionals. These trained peer advocates will provide assistance and referrals for any public safety personnel and their families who are experiencing an emotional crisis or desire a need for someone to listen. Safe Call Now is also a registered 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization and is not funded at the state or federal levels.



### Firefighters founded this nation.

Did you know that our Founding Fathers were firefighters? That's right! Ushistory.com says that though the first paid firefighting department was founded in Boston in 1678, Benjamin Franklin founded the first volunteer firefighting service in 1736 in Philadelphia. Other founding father volunteer firefighters include George Washington, Samuel Adams, and Thomas Jefferson.— *When I Grow Up I Want To Be...a Firefighter!*

**fun fact**





Per Resolution 0-3-22, 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 to [Laura@wscff.org](mailto:Laura@wscff.org) or regular mail to:**

**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 has expired.

Local	Local Name	Exp	Local	Local Name	Exp
0027	Seattle	2014	2898	Seattle Fire Chiefs Association	2014
0404	Walla Walla	2015	2903	Lacey	2016
0315	Hoquiam	2016	2933	Clallam Co.	2016
0469	Yakima	2013	3062	Maple Valley	2016
0726	Pierce County Prof. FF	2012	3152	Key Peninsula	2016
0828	Longview	2016	3186	Mountain View fire & Rescue	2016
1296	Kennewick	2016	3219	Marysville	2016
1352	Valley Regional Fire	2015	3235	Snohomish Co. 8	2016
1604	Bellevue	2015	3375	Longview Chief Officers	2016
1747	Kent	2016	3427	Skagit Co. Paramedics	2006
1758	Ellensburg	2014	3628	Yelm FF's	2016
1762	Mercer Island	2016	3689	South Beach Fire & EMS	2016
1828	Snohomish Co. 1	2014	3711	Spokane Co. 8	2016
1862	Montesano	2016	3728	Arlington	2016
1919	Cheney	2015	3828	Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue	2016
2032	East Jefferson Fire & Rescue	2016	3829	Dupont	2016
2099	North Sound Fire Fighters	2016	3931	Enumclaw	2014
2109	Ocean Shores	2014	4075	Grays Harbor Fire Fighters	2012
2299	Clarkston	2014	4111	Burlington	2015
2328	Toppenish	2013	4118	North County Professional FF's	2015
2409	Tumwater	2016	4189	Vashon Island Fire Fighters	2016
2459	Northshore	2016	4197	Douglas County #2	2012
2510	Chehalis	2016	4258	Grays Harbor #2	2016
2595	King Co. Medics	2014	4378	Vancouver Fire Command Officers	2016
2776	Raymond	2013	4440	McNeil Island	2009
2781	Snohomish Co. Union FF's	2015	4447	Cowlitz Co. 5	2001
2876	South Kitsap Dist. 7	2011	4504	Oak Harbor	2016
			4816	Chelan Co. 7	2016
			4863	Lewis Co. FF's	2016
			4965	Tri-County Fire Fighters	2016
			F-282	Puget Sound Federal FF's	2015
			F-283	Fort Lewis Fire Fighters	
			F-304	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	

If you don't have your professional fire fighter license plate, now is the time to get one. Each purchase or renewal of a set of special plates generates a tax-deductible \$28 donation to the WSCFF Benevolent Fund. [www.wscff.org](http://www.wscff.org).



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Fax: 360-943-2333  
Website: [www.wscff.org](http://www.wscff.org)  
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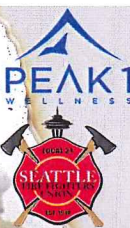


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# BACKDRAFT

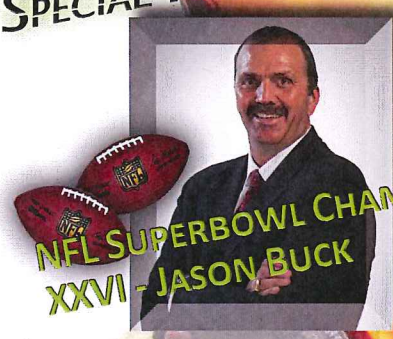
SILENTLY BEHIND A DOOR, IT WAITS.

TRAUMA. MENTAL HEALTH. SUICIDE AWARENESS.  
**FOR FIREFIGHTERS**

**FREE** CONFERENCE | MARCH 28, 2017

SOUTH SEATTLE COLLEGE | GEORGETOWN CAMPUS  
6737 CORSON AVE. SOUTH | SEATTLE, WA 98108  
ROOM C122 | 0800 - 1700 HOURS

SPECIAL KEYNOTE



NFL SUPERBOWL CHAMPION  
XXVI - JASON BUCK

"TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE HAD THEIR LIVES  
CHANGED BY **JASON BUCK** AND HIS STORY OF TRIUMPH  
OVER HOMELESSNESS, EXTREME POVERTY, RIDICULE AND MANY  
OTHER HARDSHIPS TO BECOME A SUPERBOWL CHAMPION!"

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

SEAN RILEY

"FIRE PROOFING YOUR PERSONAL LIFE"



NORM GOLDEN

"PROTECTING YOUR CERTIFICATIONS"



SGT. AARON SNYDER

"PEER SUPPORT & MENTORING IN THE FIRE SERVICE"



**SAFE CALL NOW®**

"Saving the lives of those who protect us"



REGISTER HERE...



**LOCAL 1747 PRESENTS:**

**THE 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER  
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT  
\*FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLE\***

***BENEFITING THE KENT FF FOUNDATION***



\*TEAM PRIZES \*RANGE BALLS \*RAFFLE  
\*CLOSEST TO PIN \*LIVE AUCTION  
\*LONGDRIVE \*GOLF CART \*LUNCH

***FEATURING OUR FAMOUS  
\$100 KP***

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2017 7:00- Registration  
RIVERBEND GOLF CLUB 8:00- SHOTGUN start**

***\*COST IS \$100/PLAYER***



**-----REGISTRATION FORM-----**

**Please return completed form with fee by May 19th . Don't delay, mail yours today!**

**All Team Captains with team paid in full by May 1st save \$5 per player.**

**TEAM CAPTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLAYER 2: \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLAYER 3: \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLAYER 4: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**WE NEED TOURNAMENT SPONSORS!!!!**

**\$500.00 Tournament sponsor \$100.00 Par 3 Hole sponsor**

**\$50.00 Regular Hole sponsor \$25.00 Individual sponsor**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total sponsorship amount**

**SEND CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KFF, c/o SHAWN DAILEY  
PO BOX 954 KENT, WA. 98035.  
QUESTIONS? CALL 206-498-1529 or BAGS9R@ATT.NET**





# HANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT



## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2017

CANYON LAKES GOLF COURSE



February 2017

Dear Friends,

Spring is nearly here and we are looking forward to another great golf season! This is the perfect time to let you know of our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanford Fire Department (HFD) Charity Golf Tournament. Last spring's tournament yielded over \$10,000 in donations to help our fundraising goals for charity. We have set our goal for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual event to match or exceed last year's donations. To reach this goal, we hope you will again help sponsor our tournament.

The HFD Golf Tournament will be held at Canyon Lakes Golf Course on May 12, 2017. We are inviting you to participate again with firefighters and their friends from throughout the Northwest. Remember, the cost of a hole sponsorship ranges from \$150 to \$1,000 and is 100 percent tax deductible. Or, if you would prefer to make an in-kind donation, we are in need of raffle items and prizes for the top three teams in the tournament. The top three prizes will be given to each member of the winning foursome.

The proceeds from this event will be used to support the work of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) as well as the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters (WSCFF) Burn Foundation. The MDA sends local children with neuromuscular disease to summer camp, provides research to find treatments and a cure, and assists in the purchase of wheelchairs and leg braces. The MDA's non-profit number is 501(c)(3) 131665552.

The WSCFF Burn Foundation promotes the education and prevention of burn injuries and improving the lives of burn survivors. Their areas of focus include: Camp Eyabsut (a week-long summer camp for burn survivors from 5-17 years old), Emergency Housing (near Harborview Medical Center to serve the families of burn patients), Liaison Response Team, smoke detector program and research grants. The WSCFF Burn Foundation is proud to be a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose tax ID number is 94-1729677.

Your financial commitment is vital to helping the children and families in our community. Thank you in advance for your contribution and for helping us achieve our goal. Please email me at [Harbee38@Hotmail.com](mailto:Harbee38@Hotmail.com) or call me at (408) 420 - 8418, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kyle Harbert & Mark Cope

HFD Golf Chairmen



Washington State Council of  
Firefighters Burn Foundation





- ❖ TRAVELING TROPHY
- ❖ LONGEST DRIVE
- ❖ CLOSEST TO THE PIN
- ❖ CLOSEST TO THE BOOT
- ❖ LAND-ON-THE-GREEN
- ❖ LONG DISTANCE PUTT
- ❖ LONG DISTANCE CHIP
- ❖ RAFFLE TICKETS



Canyon Lakes  
Golf Course

#### 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE

**ENTRY FEES:** \$100 per player (\$125 after 4/21/17)

INCLUDES - CART, ROUND OF GOLF, AND

AWARDS BANQUET WITH DINNER

**SHOTGUN START 1:00 PM**

**REGISTRATION IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED AND THE TOURNAMENT SELLS OUT EVERY YEAR!**

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

#### Sponsorships Available!

\$150: Tee Box Sign

\$300: Tee Box Sign & Name/Logo on Score Card and  
Flyers

\$1000: Hole #1 or #10 Tee Box Sign, Name/Logo on  
Score Card and flyers as well as media recognition  
through local news

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form and email to [harbee38@hotmail.com](mailto:harbee38@hotmail.com) and/or mail along with check to the address below.

Make checks payable to:

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