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2018 IAFF/WSCFF Educational Seminar

The 2018 IAFF-WSCFF Jointly Sponsored Educational Seminar was held April 17-19. The Historic Davenport Hotel welcomed over 300 WSCFF members from 90 locals. The event provides practical training and allows members from all over Washington the opportunity to gain insight and support from each other and to socialize.

Members were quickly woken up by the first speaker, Eric Boles who is the President of "The Game Changers Inc," and a highly acclaimed keynote speaker, consultant and trainer. Many of the principles Eric taught were directly related to his experience playing in the NFL. He charismatically spoke about unleashing your best - in life and at work. He challenged the room to lead with purpose. His effective style of speaking translated into an audience inspired with a renewed urgency to foster effective, visionary leadership .

Other topics included New Member Engagement, the strategic partnership of the Wildland & Mobilization Committee, Behavioral Health and Peer Support, Contract Negotiations, Navigating PTSD, Talking Union in a Right- to- Work State, and Public Relations.

Thank you to all who were able to attend.

WSCFF 79th ANNUAL CONVENTION

JUNE 26 - 28, 2018

Three Rivers Convention Center

Kennewick, Washington



Hosted by IAFF Locals 1052 Richland; 1296 Kennewick; 1433 Pasco; 4362 Benton County #1; 4965 Tri-County Fire Fighters, and I-24 Hanford.

Visit wscff.org for more information



Local 2510 Chehalis Awards Medal to Local 27 Seattle Firefighter Chris Quinlan



Seattle Fire Chief Harold Scroggins, left, pictured with Chris Quinlan, Local 27 Seattle

“From the bottom of my heart, I did not expect this,” he said. “I just did something that I believe thousands of men and women in fire service would have done. I was just given the opportunity to be in the right place at the right time.” Chris Quinlan, Local 27 Seattle.

Two and a half months after he pulled a man from a burning pickup truck in Chehalis, Seattle firefighter Chris Quinlan received the Medal of Valor Monday from the Chehalis Fire Department.

In February, Quinlan was en route from his home in Mossyrock to his shift in Seattle when he came across a crash on I-5. He stopped and pulled a Centralia man from a truck that was engulfed in flames. He provided medical assistance until the man was taken away by paramedics and provided information to 911 dispatchers that helped coordinate the response to the multi-vehicle incident.

“It takes an exceptional individual to stop when so many people would drive by,” said Chehalis Mayor Dennis Dawes. “We appreciate you more than you know.”

Quinlan, with a large family contingent on hand for the ceremony, deflected the praise.

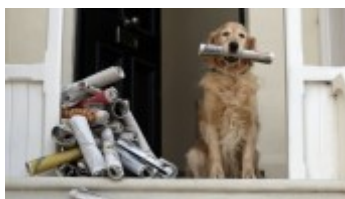
Seattle Fire Chief Harold Scroggins surprised Quinlan by showing up to the meeting. Hearing about the off-duty heroics of his firefighter, he said, validates the work of his department.

“We get stories back like this from time to time, and we’re so proud of the good work and sharing the blessings of the training,” Scroggins said. “It’s a big deal to us.”

Chehalis Fire Chief Ken Cardinale said his department was also heartened to hear Quinlan’s story, saying it reflects the values of everyone in the profession.

“A lot of guys can drive by, but for us in the fire service, we just can’t do that,” he said. “You demonstrated that.”

The Chronicle



A police officer in Ohio used a personalized cake, and a little humor, to apologize for accidentally using a Taser on a firefighter as they were responding to a disturbance call recently.



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April 24, 2018

WSCFF Local Leaders:

President Chuck Woolley and Vice President James Booth of Tukwila Professional Fire Fighters Local 2088 recently sent a letter to the WSCFF Board asking for our support to stand in opposition of the 2018 Scott Fire Fighter Combat Challenge which is to take place in Tukwila, Washington, in August.

The members of Local 2088 have adopted a motion describing their concerns that the City of Tukwila will be capitalizing on the good name and reputation of their fire fighters without demonstrating via actions that they value their fire fighters.

The members of Local 2088 have concerns regarding safe staffing levels and the lack of improvements to service levels for citizens despite financial growth and the addition of many new buildings and businesses in the city. At no time has the City of Tukwila planned, or made any efforts, to increase daily minimum staffing to address the rising population and increased run volume.

Your WSCFF Executive Board voted unanimously to support our brothers and sisters in Local 2088 and oppose the August 2018 Scott Fire Fighter Combat Challenge *if held in the City of Tukwila*. We are asking you for your support and encourage your members to not participate in the event.

If the Scott Fire Fighter Combat Challenge moves their location, we will notify all locals as soon as possible.

In Solidarity,

Dennis J. Lawson
WSCFF President

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**Washington State
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WSCFF 3rd District Educational Seminar

When: May 21, 2018, 0900 – 1500

Where: Embassy Suites by Hilton Seattle North Lynnwood, Mt. Adams Room

20610 44th Ave. W, Lynnwood, WA 98036

What: One day Political Training Academy

Who Should Attend: Local Executive Boards, Political Directors, new and engaged members

Classes will include: How a bill becomes a law; Campaign finance (Seg / PAC); how to evaluate candidates; running a successful campaign; how to read a voter file; how can you help the WSCFF lobby team; State and Central labor councils, how can they help us be successful.

Speakers will include: State legislators; local government politicians; members from WSCFF lobbying and leadership team; political consultant.

RSVP to thoover@iaff1828.org by May 16 with the number of people attending.

Lunch on your own.



Camp Blaze

July 25-August 5, 2018
Fire Training Academy
North Bend, WA



While Camp Blaze is offered in the fire service setting, the intent of Camp Blaze is not to recruit firefighters (though we secretly hope every camper falls in love with our profession)! It is our mission to **EMPOWER, INSPIRE, and SUPPORT STRONG WOMEN LEADERS**. There is no greater reward for us than to see Camp Blaze campers return to their community and make the world a better place. Our track record is strong and we invite you to join our Camp Blaze *family*.

Throughout the week, campers are sure to face one challenge or another. These challenges are meant to help foster personal growth in safe and supportive surroundings. The friendships that develop quickly through these experiences often become friendships of a lifetime. This year Camp Blaze will be introducing two awards in memory of past contributors to the organization. Camp Blaze Legacy awards will recognize current members who embody the legacy of those who were an integral part of the Camp Blaze culture.

Starting with the basics, the training provided over the course of the week is designed to allow campers to work safely as a team in the firefighting environment. A carefully crafted curriculum introduces them to the equipment that will allow them to fight fire at the end of the week. Experienced staff is always close at hand during these exercises and ready to encourage campers when necessary.



The "Camp Blaze Legacy Award -"Crystal Murphy" is awarded in memory of Crystal Murphy, a firefighter with Lacey Fire District #3, and a long-time volunteer with Camp Blaze.

Crystal was a tireless advocate for at-risk youth, and sought to always extend her hand to those less fortunate. She volunteered at various girls camps throughout the western United States, and used her experiences to become a co-founder of the Capital Metro Fire Girls Camps held in Olympia, Washington.

Awarded each year to one camper, the Crystal Murphy Award recipient is a young woman who exemplifies leadership qualities, not only within her own crew, but also among all the campers.



The Camp Blaze Legacy Award -"Alison Greene" is awarded in memory of Alison Green, a firefighter with the San Francisco Fire Department, working as a firefighter, driver, and Chief's aide. Embracing the fullness of life, Alison balanced her life between her son, her partner, her friends and family, while serving as a leader, a teacher, and a creative inspirer. Alison encouraged those around her to push their limits with ideas. Alison's enthusiasm for life and working with youth collided both in Camp Blaze and in her community.

Awarded each year to a member of Camp Blaze, the Alison Greene Award recipient is a Camp Blaze member who exemplifies enthusiasm, friendship, community, and team-building across the Camp Blaze community.



For questions: Please call Theresa Purtell,
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*Please consider donating or volunteering
your time.*



LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement

You Keep Us Safe, We Keep You Secure

The Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' (LEOFF) Plan 2 Retirement Board serves over 19,000 active and retired members of the Washington State LEOFF 2 retirement plan. The Board sets contribution rates for the plan and studies related pension issues. The Board also recommends pension policy to the Legislature in the interest of the members and beneficiaries of the plan.

Your Retirement Account (*through the Department of Retirement Systems*)

[Online Account Access](#) | [Plan Information](#)

[Retirement FAQs](#) | [LEOFF 2 Handbook](#)

The following videos have been created in an effort to keep members informed of LEOFF 2 benefits and or recep@leoff.wa.gov, how they work. If you would like to know more about a particular subject, please let us know by contacting us at (360) 586-2320.

[How does LEOFF 2 Compare to other Pension Plans Nationwide?](#)

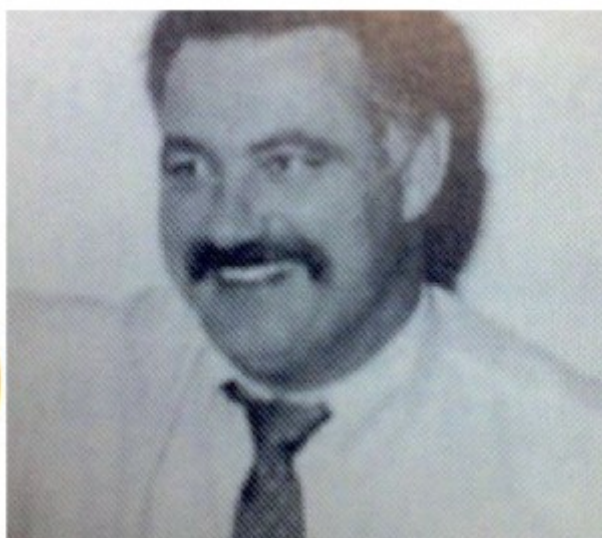
[Working After LEOFF Retirement](#)

[Social Security and Government Pension Offsets](#)

[Social Security Windfall Elimination Provision Info \(WEP\)](#)

[Purchasing a LEOFF 2 Annuity and/or Service Credit](#)

July
6th
2018



IAFF Local 31 is proud to present:
The 21st Annual
Jimmy Cason Memorial Golf
Tournament

Meadow Park Golf Course
0900 Shotgun start
18 holes of Best Ball
Practice, carts, and lunch included

THE
SIP
EXPERIENCE

DATE + TIME
Thu, May 17, 2018
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM PDT

LOCATION
The Sanctuary
811 5th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104
@sanctuaryseattle

PRICE
\$45, ONLINE
\$60, DOOR

21+ w/ valid ID

sipnorthwest.com



Details ...

Taste the pages of **Sip Northwest Magazine** as they come to life for this one-of-a-kind libation event at a one-of-a-kind venue, **The Sanctuary**, a revitalized 100-year-old church in the heart of downtown Seattle.

Sample from more than 40 drink producers and Seattle's top restaurants serving delicious local cuisine as featured in the new spring issue. Plus, Seattle's favorite **Papa Bueno Tequila** will be shaking up cocktails in the Halo Bar upstairs!

LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES BY:

Saint Claire
Kate D

Proceeds of The Sip Experience benefit the
Washington State Council of Firefighters!

This is a 21+ event with valid ID.

Firefighter Appreciation Night



Seattle Reign FC vs. Chicago Red Stars

Saturday, May 19th

7:00 PM

Memorial Stadium

Join the Seattle Reign FC and Washington State Council of Firefighters for Firefighter Appreciation Night at Memorial Stadium.

For only \$12 (\$20 value), you can get the best match-day experience in the NWSL.

For discounted seats, please visit:

<https://fevo.me/fire>

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SUNDAY, JUNE 10 | STORM vs DREAM

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION NIGHT

\$22 PER PERSON

PACKAGE INCLUDES:
GAME TICKET
COMMOMORATIVE FIREFIGHTER CAP

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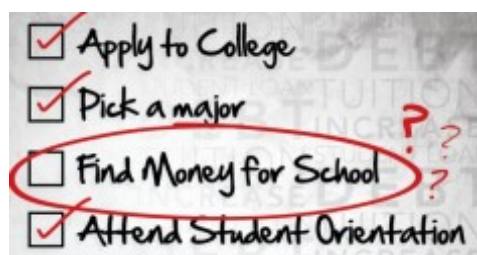
100 YEARS OF SERVICE

THIS YEAR IAFF LOCAL 106 CELEBRATES 100 YEARS. WE WILL BE GATHERING TO CELEBRATE A CENTURY OF BENEVOLENCE, FRATERNITY, AND SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

SAVE THE DATE
08.11.2018



Scholarship Information



The WSCFF Benevolent Fund Scholarship winners will be receiving a letter by the end of May. Thank you to all the students who applied.

Billy has 32 pieces of bacon. He eats 28. What does he have now?



Happiness.
Billy has happiness.



"My project is simply this. I want to find out once and for all whether there's any truth in the belief that money can't buy happiness."