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To: Members of the IAFF 7<sup>th</sup> District

From: IAFF District Vice President Ricky Walsh

Subj: Corona Virus Update: 03/06/2020

First, let us say thank you to each of you for your patience as we navigate through the COVID-19 process. This issue has changed daily and at times hourly. The number of calls that have taken place has been extraordinary, many of which have been greater than an hour, with new information being learned each time. We have been in constant communication with the IAFF team, specifically Pat Morrison, Jim Brinkley, Doug Stern and Mark Treglio. They have made themselves available 24/7 and been have responsive to our concerns and questions. GP Schaitberger and GST Kelly have both reached out and have offered their support and the resources of the iAFF.

Many of the FAQ's on the IAFF website are due to what lessons we have learned, both good and bad. We continue to stress the importance to take the time to read the information on the IAFF website.

Since Saturday morning the WSCFF Executive Board has had two conference calls. Information was shared, questions were asked, answered, or sought. The board will continue to be briefed and receive information as it becomes available. The board will also share information to their respective locals.

We are engaged with Governor Inslee and his staff, Washington State Labor Council, the State Fire Chiefs, State and County Health Departments and Emergency Operations, and now Homeland Security to mention just a few. We were able to get WSCFF 7th and 9th District Representatives Soucy and Rojecki involved in the King County EMS operations. It has become apparent that we need all of you to somehow be active in your city and/or county emergency operations and EMS discussions. Labor needs to be at the table and our voices need to be heard in order to answer our questions and represent the members you serve. Out of these relationships we have been able to get answers and provide input on policy type decisions.

We continue to develop strategies that will help our members and local leaders. The attachment titled "quick tips" was put together by our IAFF 7th District EMS Standing Committee Member/ WSCFF 3rd District Representative, Tim Hoover. The Coronavirus Memo V3 is from the IAFF – again, we encourage our leaders to read, share, and post in

your stations. The third document titled King County ILA which was put together by WSCFF Vice President Dean Shelton. This document was designed to create the conversations and set a standard on how locals should operate with each other when considering altering the way you normally operate. The document is generic, and considered the foundation to build an agreement with your employer. Dean is also creating contract language that could be used by locals when discussions begin that may impact contract language. Your WSCFF PR team in conjunction with the IAFF 7th District continue to utilize our social media platforms to pass along the information, if you're not following the WSCFF or IAFF we would ask that you do so.

It is highly likely that this may go on for a while. Many of our locals have contract language and or policies that may provide direction for members who are sick or have family members who need care and require our members to stay home. Follow your contract language and begin to engage your employer on issues that need attention. We are proud of what we have done but recognize that there is so much more to do. We will continue to advocate for you, your safety, your families, and communities in which we serve.

IAFF DVP Walsh and President Lawson are always willing to engage on any of the issues or concerns you or your members may have. Because of the size of this incident it is believed that the sharing of work is not only best for the members but also best for our leaders as they continue to utilize the knowledge and skills attained over many years.

Feel free to reach out the leaders below. DVP Walsh and President Lawson will be in constant contact with these leaders as we move forward.

For issues related to EMS issues or concerns -

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Brother Rojecki has graciously put together some great links for us to use. Take a look.

IAFF COVID-19 Resource Guide

<https://www.iaff.org/coronavirus/>

AFL-CIO Resource Guide (friend and spouses with specific occupation links)

<https://aflcio.org/covid-19>

CDC Dispatch Guide

<https://www.cdc.gov/coron.../2019-ncov/.../guidance-for-ems.html>

Washington State Department of Health

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>

Washington State Department of Health (First Responders)

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/.../NovelCoronavirusOu.../FirstResponders>

Public Health King County

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/.../disease.../novel-coronavirus.aspx>

CDC Cleaning and Disinfection Guide

<https://www.cdc.gov/.../commu.../home/cleaning-disinfection.html>

OSHA Guidelines

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html...>

WHO

<https://www.who.int/emergen.../diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Stay safe –

Ricky and Dennis