

## **WSCFF Retirees Association**

The Washington State Council of Fire Fighters is excited to announce the following members have been appointed to the newly-formed WSCFF Retirees Association:

### **LEOFF 1 Retirees**

- Roy Orlando, Local 31, Tacoma
- George Orr, Local 876, Spokane Valley
- Curt Vandver, Local 726, Pierce County

### **LEOFF 2 Retirees**

- Bruce Baurichter, Local 31, Tacoma
- Pat Hepler, Local 1828, South County
- Steve Hostetter, Local 2819, Kitsap County

**Chair:** WSCFF Vice President Dean Shelton

The purpose of the Retirees Association is to provide retired WSCFF members a unified voice, improved access to and sharing of information, the ability to engage with and give input to the WSCFF on issues impacting retirees and their beneficiaries, and the ability to connect and network with each other and the active membership.

The WSCFF has represented all active and retired professional fire fighters since its foundation in 1939, regardless of pension plans, and will continue to do so. Active retirees will now have access to these expanded opportunities:

- Ability to vote on Retirees Association matters
- Opportunity to serve on the Retirees Association Advisory Board
- Higher levels of involvement at WSCFF meetings, seminars, and conventions
- Represent the Retirees Association at WSCFF events
- Social opportunities--maintaining old friendships and developing new connections

The WSCFF keeps the best interests of all members at the forefront of its agenda, and active membership in the Retirees Association is the best way to continue to have your voice heard and to stay connected to the WSCFF. If you are a retired fire fighter who is currently *not* paying dues to the WSCFF, you will continue to receive the same high level of support from the WSCFF. Joining other active retirees in the Retirees Association will help ensure your voice is heard, give you new opportunities to stay connected and involved, and help fund the activities of the Retirees Association as its budget will be funded by retiree dues.

Even with the expanded opportunities available to retirees, dues for actives retirees continue to be 25% of the annual per capita, currently \$6.00 per month. Payments can be made through your local or via an invoice from the WSCFF office. Contact Laura Holder in the WSCFF office for more information. We value our retired members and want to keep providing the highest level of support, even in retirement.