



Be a WSCFF Member for Life Through the WSCFF Retirees Association

Congratulations on your retirement! Whether you hung up your helmet and turnout coat recently or years ago, we invite you to continue your membership with the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters (WSCFF) by joining our newly formed WSCFF Retirees Association (RA). Though you may have left the fire station, we want you to remain part of this strong union – a union you helped build.

The WSCFF was created in 1939, and its mission -- to enhance the lives of union fire and EMS personnel through leadership, education, and political action – has always been carried out on behalf of all members, active and retired.

The WSCFF RA was formed by Convention Resolution 19-03 in 2019. Consisting of three LEOFF 1 retired members, three other WSCFF retirees, and chaired by the WSCFF Vice President, the association exists to represent and unite our retired members.

The WSCFF represents our members and unifies the voices of fire fighters and paramedics on the Capitol campus. Input from our Retirees Association members is crucial for the WSCFF legislative agenda.

To participate in the Retirees Association, you must be a dues-paying WSCFF active retiree. Dues are \$6.00 per month (25% of active member dues, rounded to the nearest dollar).

You now have the option to have your WSCFF RA dues automatically deducted from your monthly retirement benefits. You may also arrange to pay your dues directly to the WSCFF or, in some cases, through your local.

Attached is a form that will allow DRS to deduct your dues directly from your retirement benefits monthly. If you would like to join the WSCFF Retirees Association and have your dues deducted by DRS, please complete the DRS form and return it to the WSCFF. The WSCFF will submit it to DRS – please do not send the form to DRS yourself.

Your membership in the Retirees Association will:

- Provide a communication link to both LEOFF 1 and LEOFF 2 retirees.
- Give retirees a voice to ask questions and raise concerns related to their retirement.
- Keep retirees informed of legislation that might impact retirement.
- Provides an avenue for your input on those issues.



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- Serve as a single resource with accurate information for *all fire service retirees* in both retirement systems.
- Provide a conduit for educational information about the WSCFF in concert with DRS, the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board, L&I, and any other organizations that impact the two retirement systems.

and most importantly...

- Keep you connected to your peers – we will provide retirees an opportunity to continue fostering relationships among members, both active and retired.

As retirees of the fire service and the WSCFF, we know you have a strong desire to remain active and informed about current issues that impact you and our active fire fighters, now and in the future. The new RA board is dedicated to inspiring, organizing, and building a robust and empowered community of retired fire fighters. Please join us.

The WSCFF RA is the best way for you to continue to have your voice heard and give your opinions and thoughts on issues you face in retirement. We look forward to building our Retirees Association membership and continuing the relationship with all who have served. We are eager to hear from you. Please reach out any time.

Email Laura@wscff.org, or call 360-943-3030 for more information.

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