



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS & PARAMEDICS

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DISTRICT 1
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DISTRICT 3
Fort Myers Beach

DISTRICT 4
North Fort Myers

DISTRICT 5
South Trail

DISTRICT 6
Lehigh Acres

DISTRICT 7
Iona McGregor

DISTRICT 8
Tice

DISTRICT 9
San Carlos Park

DISTRICT 10
Lee Co. CFR

DISTRICT 11
Estero

DISTRICT 12
Bayside

DISTRICT 13
Pine Island

DISTRICT 14
Collier Co. EMS

DISTRICT 15
Fort Myers Beach-
Deputy Chiefs

DISTRICT 16
Fort Myers Asst. Chiefs

DISTRICT 17
Sanibel

DISTRICT 18
Fort Myers Shores

DISTRICT 19
Lehigh Acres Battalion Chiefs

Dear prospective Southwest Florida Professional Fire Fighter & Paramedic member,

This letter is intended to serve as an open invitation to all employees from various emergency departments within the Southwest Florida area to join our local organization as a member of the Southwest Florida Professional Firefighters & Paramedics, IAFF Local 1826 Inc., (an affiliate of the International Association of Fire Fighters and Florida Professional Fire Fighters), and is designed to explain the purpose as well as some of the goals our organization.

The main purpose of the Southwest Florida Fire Fighters & Paramedics, IAFF, Local 1826 Inc. is to maintain an endless fight for members in areas of wages, hours, terms and conditions of employment in exchange for the professional life saving service our members provide. We strive to assure that our members are afforded the latest state of the art training and provided the best possible safety equipment. We continue to work with management in developing fair and consistent policies for the betterment of all department members.

We, as Professional Fire Fighters, Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians throughout the state of Florida have worked tirelessly in achieving the legal right for public employees to not only be allowed to join this public employees union, but also to be free from harassment, ridicule and most importantly free from management's ability to threaten termination of ones employment. These and many other rights for public employees are addressed in Florida Statute 447. These basic job protected rights were not always available to public employees. Such rights were only achieved by collective organizing as one group, bonded together for the same cause.

Our organization currently represents eighteen bargaining units in sixteen separate departments. These each bargain for wages, terms and conditions of employment at their respective agencies. These various departments are called districts and each district elects its own District Vice President (DVP) every two years. The DVP organizes the day to day affairs of the district, as well as being active in all parts of negotiating the collective bargaining agreement with their employer. Only the members within its own district vote to approve its own contract.

- Please forward the dues deduction authorization to your payroll department.
- Return information forms you fill out to the union office with your initiation check.
- Fill out the dues deduction form for your specific district and forward it to administration or your DVP.

*Affiliated with: INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS
Florida Professional Fire Fighters*

Application for Membership

Please fill in all information areas provided and attach a check for \$53.75. This will cover the first month's dues and association fees to the International Association of Fire Fighters, Florida Professional Fire Fighters and other affiliated organizations.

Personal Data Base form

This information is personal in nature and will not be given out. We do need this information to maintain contact with each of you and to insure that you receive all publications and mailings. When your information has changed, please contact this office or web site with the updated information so we may update your file on record.

Any questions?

If so please contact this office at 334-8222 and speak with Eric, Mike, Walt or Steve. You can also contact you District Vice President.

We whole heartily welcome you to visit your union office and talk with any of the four elected principal officers and discuss any issues or concerns that you may have. Once your information is processed to the IAFF you should expect your membership packet in 3 to 4 months. Feel free to stop by the union office Monday through Friday or call us at (239) 334-8222.

Fraternally,

Eric, Mike, Walt & Steve