



## SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS & PARAMEDICS LOCAL 1826 / I.A.F.F., INC.

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*Fort Myers Shores*

**DISTRICT 23**  
*Hendry Co. EMS*

**DISTRICT 24**  
*Abva*

Dear prospective Southwest Florida Professional Fire Fighter & Paramedic member,

The intention of this letter is 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). It is designed to explain the purpose as well as some of the goals of 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 one's employment. Basic job protected rights were not always available to public employees. These and many other rights for public employees are in Florida Statute 447. Such rights were only achieved by collective organizing as one group bonded together for the same cause.

Our organization currently represents twenty-five bargaining units in nineteen separate departments. Each bargaining unit bargains 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 three years. The DVP organizes the day to day affairs of the district, as well as being active in assisting with negotiating the collective bargaining agreement with their employer, and members within each district vote to approve its district contract.

### **Application for Membership:**

- Please forward the dues deduction authorization to your payroll department or DVP according to district policy or union contract
- Return information forms you fill out to the union office or your DVP.
- Please fill in all the information areas provided and please print clearly.
- **DO NOT** use your department email address for contact information.

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



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#### **Communications:**

Please add [info@local1826.com](mailto:info@local1826.com) and [iaffsmart@uniontrack.com](mailto:iaffsmart@uniontrack.com) to your email contacts after you have submitted your application and dues deduction forms. You will receive invites from the Local 1826 website and IAFF Smart. Your L1826 website invite will have a temporary username and password. Log in and complete all necessary information. IAFF Smart invite has instructions to follow and respond. This information will allow us to communicate with you and give you access to all areas of the website.

#### **Personal Data Base:**

Your information is personal and will not be shared. We do need this information to maintain contact with each of you and to ensure that you receive all publications and mailings. When any of your contact information has changed, please go to the Local 1826 website and [smart.iaff.org](http://smart.iaff.org) and make the updates so we have your current information on record.

#### **Any questions?**

If you have any questions, please contact this office at (239) 334-8222 and speak with J.P., Henry, Eric, or Angie. You can also contact your District Vice President. Once your information has processed to the IAFF, you should expect your membership packet in 3 to 4 months.

#### **Welcome:**

We whole heartily welcome you to visit your union office, talk with any of the four elected principal officers, and discuss any issues or concerns that you may have. Feel free to stop by the union office Monday through Friday or call us at (239) 334-8222.

Fraternally,

Henry, Tim, Eric, & Angie

**Personal and Confidential Data Information**

**Application for Membership into the:  
Southwest Florida Professional Firefighters &  
Paramedics IAFF Local 1826 International Association  
of Firefighters  
Florida Professional Firefighters**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Department Employed by \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ **Personal Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

Required for IAFF

Were/are you a member of another Local? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which Local? \_\_\_\_\_

Were/are you a member of another District within Local 1826? \_\_\_\_\_ Which District? \_\_\_\_\_

Opt in: Text \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION**

I hereby authorize the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire & Rescue Control District, or its agents, to deduct from my earnings, the regular monthly dues in the amount certified by the Treasurer of Local 1826/I.A.F.F. inc., said local union. This authorization is revocable by a notice in writing to the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire & Rescue Control District, with a copy also provided to the union at the address on file.

I hereby waive all rights and claims for said monies so deducted and transmitted in accordance with this authorization and, further and separately, relieve the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire & Rescue Control District and any agent, from liability therefor.

I understand that this authorization is voluntary, and that I may revoke it at any time by giving the Fire District notice in writing.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**STOP DUES DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION**

I hereby authorize the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire & Rescue Control District, or its agents, to stop deducting from my earnings, the regular monthly dues in the amount certified by the Treasurer of Local 1826/LA.F.F. inc., said local union. This authorization is revocable by a notice in writing to the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire & Rescue Control District, with a copy also provided to the union at the address on file.

I hereby waive all rights and claims for said moneys so deducted and transmitted in accordance with this authorization and, further and separately, relieve the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire & Rescue Control District and any agent, from liability therefor.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_