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## IAFF John P. Redmond Symposium

Speeches from IAFF President Harold Schaitberger and keynote speaker President Bill Clinton marked the start of a busy week in Manhattan for IAFF members. In addition to the Redmond Symposium and Barbera EMS conference, the IAFF held a special gala August 16 introducing the IAFF Charitable Foundation. On August 18, at the conclusion of three days of seminars on health and safety, the IAFF held a memorial ceremony in solemn remembrance of the fire fighters who lost their lives rescuing citizens from the 9/11 attacks.

Also speaking at the Opening Session were Steve Cassidy, president of the Uniformed Firefighters Association Local 94; Al Hagan, president of the Uniformed Fire Officers Association Local 854; and Salvatore Cassano, New York Fire Commissioner.

The 7th district of the IAFF (Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska) had 104 members at this event, second only to the IAFF 6th district (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon and the Northwest Territory) in the number of participants that traveled to New York City - the first ever IAFF event to be hosted by the members of IAFF #94 and IAFF #854 in New York City.

President Bill Clinton used the occasion to reflect on his presidency and

the ways in which politics has changed in the 10 years since the September 11, 2001, terror attacks that rocked the nation and claimed the lives of more than 3,000 people, including 343 FDNY fire fighters. Clinton is hailed among fire fighters not just for being the last American president to produce a federal surplus, but also for signing into law the Assistance to Firefighters (FIRE Act) grant program and for signing an executive order mandating two in and two out.

Nearly 10 years following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, members of the IAFF paid tribute to the 343 FDNY members who lost their lives on 9/11. The ceremony was held August 18 at the Hilton New York Hotel in Midtown Manhattan at the closing general session and was attended by nearly 2,000 members.

The ceremony began with the entrance of the Emerald Society, a pipe and drum troupe comprised of FDNY members who played at all of the 343 funerals for the 9/11 fallen. It continued with a video tribute and with the names of each fallen fire fighter displayed on a large screen.

Thank you to all of the locals who elected to send their members to this historic event and to those who represented their locals. It is a tribute to our affiliated local unions that we continue to demonstrate greater resources, strong leadership and unparalleled commitment.

Submitted by  
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## CURRENT CONTRACTS

Per Resolution 03-22, the following is a list of WSCFF affiliate locals that do not have current contracts on file. If your local is on this list and you have a current contract, please send us your updated information. You may do this via email or regular mail ~ lisa@wscff.org or 1069 Adams Street SE, Olympia, WA 98501.

This list will be updated in every *Council Connection* per the resolution. Please let us know if your records differ from ours.

**Note: Please remember to send in your new contract if your last one expired December 2010.**

LOCAL	CONTRACT EXP.	LOCAL	CONTRACT EXP.		
0029	SPOKANE	05-07	2933	CLALLAM CO.	07-09
0046	EVERETT	06-08	2950	WOODINVILLE	08-10
0106	BELLINGHAM	07-09	3062	MAPLE VALLEY	08-10
0315	HOQUIAM	08-10	3152	KEY PENINSULA	08-10
0404	WALLA WALLA	06-08	3315	MONROE DIST 3	04-06
0656	PORT ANGELES	09-10	3390	GIG HARBOR	08-10
0828	LONGVIEW	09-10	3427	SKAGIT CO. PARAMEDICS	06
1257	PORT OF SEATTLE	07-10	3482	MUKILTEO	09-10
1296	KENNEWICK	08-10	3680	UNION GAP	06-09
1352	VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTH	08-10	3689	SOUTH BEACH FIRE & EMS	08-10
1433	PASCO	07-10	3711	SPOKANE CO. 8	07-09
1747	KENT	08-10	3728	ARLINGTON	08-10
1758	ELLENSBURG	07-08	3811	JEFFERSON COUNTY	08-10
1760	SHORELINE	08-10	3828	COWLITZ 2 F & R	09-10
1789	SPOKANE AIRPORT	07-09	3829	DUPONT	04-06
1604	BELLEVUE	07-09	3999	PACIFIC CO FIRE DIST #1	09
1805	CLARK CO. 6	10	4033	CAMANO ISLAND	08-10
1862	MONTESANO	07-10	4034	BAINBRIDGE ISLAND	08-10
1983	MOUNT VERNON	07-09	4086	STANWOOD FIRE & RESCUE	08-10
2032	EAST JEFFERSON	07-09	4197	DOUGLAS COUNTY #2	07-09
2444	CAMAS	09-10	4203	COLLEGE PLACE	
2459	NORTHSHORE	08-10	4299	CENTRAL WHIDBEY ISLAND F & R	07-10
2510	CHEHALIS	05-07	4378	VANCOUVER FIRE COMMAND	06-08
2545	KIRKLAND	08-10	4504	OAK HARBOR	10
2595	KING CO. MEDICS	07-09	4459	ORTING	
2597	SNOHOMISH CO. AIRPORT	09-10	F-283	FORT LEWIS FIRE FIGHTERS	
2639	ABERDEEN	08-10	F-304	US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION	
2776	RAYMOND	08-10	I-66	BOEING FIRE FIGHTERS	
2878	EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE	08-10			
2898	SEATTLE FIRE CHIEFS				
2903	LACEY	08-10			

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### 2011 SEPTEMBER

- 17 IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial, Colorado Springs, CO
- 22-23 WSCFF Executive Board Meeting, Olympia, WA

#### 2012 JANUARY

- 30-31 WSCFF Legislative Conference, Olympia, WA

#### APRIL

- 17-19 IAFF/WSCFF Educational Seminar, Vancouver, WA

#### JUNE

- 26-28 WSCFF Annual Convention, Vancouver, WA



# Remembering 9/11 ~ Upcoming Events

## Tacoma Fire Department Honor Guard Remembering 9/11 “A Decade of Courage”

Sunday, September 11, 2011 9:00 a.m.  
Firefighters Memorial, 3301 Ruston Way, Tacoma

Post-ceremony Gathering  
11:00 a.m. Ram Restaurant, 3001 Ruston Way, Tacoma

In keeping with tradition, we will “raise a glass” in honor of the fallen, and the Tacoma Fire Department Fireboat will put on a display.

## Tenth Anniversary September 11 Groundbreaking Ceremony

Please join the Kitsap 9/11 Memorial Committee at a September 11 Groundbreaking and Remembrance Ceremony. The ceremony will begin at noon on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at Evergreen-Rotary Park in Bremerton, Washington.

The two beams that will be incorporated into the memorial will be on display. The ceremony will feature music from Navy Band Northwest, Pierce County Firefighters Pipes & Drums, and other local musicians. Speakers will include Bremerton’s Mayor Patty Lent, Rear Admiral Biesel, and Captain Iwanowicz; and the colors will be presented by the Kitsap County Sheriff’s Office Honor Guard.

Following the ceremony, a groundbreaking will commence at the southeast corner of the park where the September 11 memorial will be constructed. A Celebration of Freedom will take place in the north area of the park which will include food, activities for children and music.

Uniformed personnel are invited to participate in the ceremony by following the color guard for presentation of colors and the National Anthem. Assimilation will be at the southern covered picnic structure beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Due to the large number of people expected at the ceremony, we are requesting that people park at Olympic College, 1600 Chester Ave, Bremerton or the parking garages in downtown Bremerton.

## “Always Remember and Never Forget” IAFF Motorcycle Group Rally/Ride

Beginning on September 2, approximately 70 IAFF members of the Magnificent 7th District will be riding their motorcycles to Newburgh, New York, to rally with thousands of other IAFF members and their families beginning on September 9.

After some fun activities and events, including a motorcycle unveiling with Paul Tuttle, Sr., of the *Orange County Choppers*, they will then lift their kickstands and ride en masse to the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial in New York City on September 11, 2011.

For more information on this rally and ride, please go to the IAFF-MG website, <http://www.iaffmg.org>. Watch the WSCFF website, [www.wscff.org](http://www.wscff.org) for photos and stories of the adventure as it happens!

Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, fire fighters will be hosting a party for the riders on September 2, and Billings, Montana, fire fighters will host the riders on September 3. Other stops along the way include South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, and Pennsylvania before arriving in Newburgh. We wish everyone a fun, safe ride!



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES PACIFIC CITIES AND U. S. CITY AVERAGE JULY 2011 & 1ST HALF 2011

## ALL ITEMS INDEXES

(1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose and Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton indexes do not appear on the January and July Pacific Cities cards. As they are reported bi-monthly, there are no missing data. Please see the previous month's card for the latest data.

MONTHLY DATA	All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)						Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)					
	Indexes			Percent Change			Indexes			Percent Change		
	July 2010	June 2011	July 2011	Year ending June 2011	July 2011	1 Month ending July 2011	July 2009	June 2011	July 2011	Year ending June 2011	July 2011	1 Month ending July 2011
U. S. City Average..... (1967=100).....	218.011	225.722	225.922	3.6	3.6	0.1	213.898	222.522	222.686	4.1	4.1	0.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange Co..... (1967=100).....	653.066	676.162	676.762	-	-	-	637.138	662.826	663.314	-	-	-
West..... (Dec. 1977 = 100).....	225.991	232.328	231.303	2.9	2.4	-0.4	218.367	225.461	224.277	3.3	2.7	-0.5
West - A*..... (Dec. 1977 = 100).....	667.679	686.399	683.373	-	-	-	645.340	666.306	662.806	-	-	-
West - B/C** (Dec. 1996=100).....	221.331	228.075	227.805	3.1	2.9	-0.1	215.824	223.237	222.815	3.5	3.2	-0.2
	357.770	368.671	368.234	-	-	-	347.249	359.176	358.497	-	-	-
	225.574	232.010	231.666	3.0	2.7	-0.1	218.499	225.670	225.152	3.4	3.0	-0.2
	367.830	378.325	377.764	-	-	-	353.708	365.315	364.478	-	-	-
	133.685	138.269	138.128	3.5	3.3	-0.1	133.471	138.392	138.151	3.7	3.5	-0.2
SEMIANNUAL DATA	Percent Change from						Percent Change from					
	1st Half 2010	2nd Half 2010	1st Half 2011	2nd Half 2009 to 2nd Half 2010	1st Half 2010 to 1st Half 2011	2nd Half 2010 to 1st Half 2011	1st Half 2010	2nd Half 2010	1st Half 2011	2nd Half 2009 to 2nd Half 2010	1st Half 2010 to 1st Half 2011	2nd Half 2010 to 1st Half 2011
Anchorage, AK..... (1967=100).....	194.834	195.455	200.278	1.0	2.8	2.5	193.257	194.038	199.061	1.1	3.0	2.6
Honolulu, HI..... (1967=100).....	520.039	521.696	534.571	-	-	-	502.979	505.011	518.085	-	-	-
Phoenix-Mesa, AZ (Dec. 2001=100).....	233.822	235.916	241.902	1.7	3.5	2.5	233.089	234.951	240.874	1.7	3.3	2.5
Portland-Salem, OR-WA..... (1967=100).....	643.707	649.472	665.950	-	-	-	651.185	656.387	672.934	-	-	-
San Diego, CA..... (1967=100).....	118.176	118.278	120.762	0.4	2.2	2.1	117.968	118.155	120.928	0.5	2.5	2.3
	217.508	219.179	223.105	0.9	2.6	1.8	213.036	214.409	218.872	1.2	2.7	2.1
	636.773	641.666	653.158	-	-	-	613.975	617.933	630.795	-	-	-
	244.242	246.686	252.451	1.2	3.4	2.3	229.194	231.609	238.431	1.3	4.0	2.9
	825.858	834.120	853.615	-	-	-	739.115	746.899	768.901	-	-	-

\* A = 1,500,000 population and over

\*\* B/C = less than 1,500,000 population

Dash (-) = Not Available.

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