

## President's Report October 2011

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### **Respectfully Submitted – Dominick Marino, President**

Please remember in your pray's the family of Andrew Kevin Boyt, member of Local 3495 – Cape May Fire Department. Brother Boyt passed away on Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> of an apparent heart attack. I would like to thank PFANJ 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Joseph Maguire and IAFF 1<sup>st</sup> District DFSR Keith Kemery for their assistance to the local during this most difficult time.

Today we have three corporate partners in attendance to give us an overview of what their company has to offer our members:

**Stark & Stark (Bill Holder)**  
**C & A Financial (Frank Congilose and/or Brian Cuniff)**  
**Cardiac Scan Imaging (Kerri Kaley).**

Today, Pete Guzzo our Government Affairs agent will give us a synopsis of what is transpiring with Legislation and with the upcoming elections on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Included in this month's packet is also a list of the County CLC's labor walks. Every Saturday from now until the election, labor will be going door to door to get our message out. I encourage you to join these labor walks as often as possible

The Passionately Pink for the Cure campaign helps IAFF affiliates participate in National Breast Cancer Awareness Month by providing tools and resources to use in their own communities and events. All donations collected online in connection with the IAFF Passionately Pink campaign will be shared equally by the IAFF Charitable Foundation and Susan G. Komen for the Cure.



This exciting new program is designed to complement the [IAFF resolution](#) passed at the 2010 Convention that supports and encourages IAFF members to participate in campaigns to help fight cancer. Susan G. Komen Passionately Pink for the Cure offers a great way for IAFF members to contribute to the cause.

IAFF 1<sup>st</sup> District Vice President Kevin Gallagher's report is included in this month's packet. He was not able to attend today's meeting.

**Next month's meeting is being held in Atlantic City during the New Jersey League of Municipalities conference. A list of all the seminars is included in this month's packet and I encourage you to attend.**

**1.5% Health TAX Litigation – filed 2010:**

Our appeal has been filed.

**10% pension payment and 35% health benefit premium:**

Our suit has been filed in Federal Court as of August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Arbitration Task Force:**

The next scheduled meeting is October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**PENSION:**

**I have included a copy of the letter that addresses the changes specific to the police and firemen's Retirement System. Chapter 78, P.L. 2011.**

**List of endorsed candidates is included in this month's packet**

There are a few districts that we have held our endorsements until today. There has been a request to endorse candidates in District 5, 6 and 33. Today we will vote on either to endorse candidates in these districts or not.

Ball State University did an analysis for the New Jersey Association of REALTORS on Local Government Consolidation. The Study on Police and Fire Consolidations can be found:

[http://www.njar.com/about\\_njar/grf/pdf/10-11BallState\\_LocalGovtFunctions.pdf](http://www.njar.com/about_njar/grf/pdf/10-11BallState_LocalGovtFunctions.pdf)

A letter was sent to the members of the Mega Base (F-313), which were former members of Local's F114, F106 and F115. These members were notified that they were being removed from the active member lists due to the lack of per capita payment.

I have also included some information from the NJEA and CWA on the Health Benefits program committee updated information. As soon as we get the final document, we will post it on our website.

**Important dates and events:**

- October 27<sup>th</sup> St. Barnabas Burn Foundation Valor Awards Ceremony
- November 5<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Challenge Fund Raiser for YMCA Camp Ochanickon and the Strong Kids Campaign
- November 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> – New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference
- November 16<sup>th</sup> PFANJ Monthly Meeting (Atlantic City – League of Municipalities conference)
- December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual NJ Juvenile Fire setter intervention conference
- December 14<sup>th</sup> PFANJ Monthly Meeting
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> IAFF Human Resources Conference
- January 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> IAFF Affiliate Leadership Conference (ALTS)

## Included in October's packet:

- List of Endorsed Candidates for N.J. Legislature
- List of the 2012 PENSION Contributions for Municipalities REVISED
- Article Reprint from NJLM October 2011 – Pension and Benefit Reform
- Article Reprint from NJLM October 2011 – Rescuing a System at the Breaking Point
- Current list of the Commissioners and Staff of NJ PERC
- Copy of Op-Ed piece authored by IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger – First to help in eye of the storm
- Copy of statement by Senator Norcross on Division of Fire Safety possibly dismantle
- C & A Financial Groups October 2011 Newsletter

