

President's Report October 2009

Respectfully Submitted – Dominick Marino, President

Pension Litigation:

We have been given a new date in October for our case to be heard. The date is October 23rd.

2009 Governor's election: PFANJ at the last meeting endorsed Governor Corzine for re-election.

2009 Assembly elections: List is included in your packet

2009 Senate (special) elections: List is included in your packet

Swine Flu (H1N1):

There have been many predictions as to how severe this strain will be. We urge all local leaders to keep updated via numerous websites.

www.pfanj.org

www.iaff.org

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/flu/index.shtml>

<http://www.iaff.org/09News/PDFs/IOMReport.pdf>

<http://www.iaff.org/et/pandemicflu/drills//01.htm>

<http://www.iaff.org/et/pandemicflu/index.htm?tab=3#TabbedPanels1>

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/qa.htm>

LEGISLATION:

A list of legislative bills that the PFANJ are tracking is on the website.

For a complete list of legislative bills you can go on our website (www.pfanj.org) and under governmental affairs print out a copy.

Retired members – our 7th district is still looking to get all our retired members back in the process. The reason the 7th district was formed was because of all the knowledge that our retired members have in the many years of negotiating and dealing with mayors and council members. This knowledge is vital to our members and we want to maintain it. We urge all of our current local leaders to get to the office a name and address list of all the retiree's so that we can mail them information with respect to the 7th district.

IRS and age 50:

We have been receiving calls and emails' asking what is happening with the IRS and age 50. The IAFF is working on this issue in Washington through our "friends" in the legislature to ensure that Firefighters are not affected by this rule change. I personally spoke to Congressman Pascrell on September 27th and he stated that he will continue to work on this so that Firefighters are not affected by this rule change.

PFRS Pension Trustee Election 2010:

Last election, we came up short of winning by 274 votes. There will be a PFANJ candidate again and we would ask you to support his election 100%.

Civil Service Commission:

We are in the process of working with the CSC with respect to the problem with the issue date and promulgation date of a test. There should not be a window between an old list and a new list that a jurisdiction can manipulate promotions.

Important dates and events:

November 3rd – Election DAY
November 8th – 12th – IAFF Redmond Conference – Los Angeles, CA
November 13th – IAFF Local 2616 – Benefit (Ricky's Rainbow Fund)
November 14th – IAFF Local 4687 – Seminar Leadership for Fire Officers
November 17th – 20th – League of Municipalities Conference – AC
November 19th – PFANJ State Meeting – Atlantic City
December 14th – PFANJ/FOP Legislative Holiday Gathering
2010
January 24th – 27th – IAFF Human Relations conference
January 27th – 29th – IAFF Affiliate Leadership Training Summit
March 14th – 18th – IAFF Alfred K. Whitehead Legislative Conference
August 22nd – 28th – IAFF 50th Bi-annual Convention

Included in Octobers packet:

PFANJ Balance Sheet as of 9/30/09
Various Articles on Chris Christie
IAFF article on Health Benefits Tax
League of Municipalities schedule
Article on rehiring of 6 Firefighters in Edison
List of endorsed candidates
Thursday 10/22/09 – Fund raiser for Angelo DeMaio (IAFF Local 198 President) who's running for Atlantic county Freeholder At Large
Friday 11/13/09 – Benefit by IAFF Local 2616 for Ricky's Rainbow Fund
Saturday 11/14/09 0 – Leadership for Fire Officers – Class offered by IAFF Local 4687
Safety Halloween tips