

President's Report September 2009

Respectfully Submitted – Dominick Marino, President

Pension Litigation:

We have been given a new date in October for our case to be heard. We will keep you advised.

2009 Governor's election:

2009 Assembly elections:

2009 Senate (special) elections:

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.

Economy:

Many locals are experiencing reductions through retirements, few if any promotions and almost no hiring's. They are also constantly under the "threat" of layoffs and demotions. Until the economy starts to turn for the better, we will continue to experience this type of atmosphere. Be diligent and crafty to hold on to what you have until better times.

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%.

Department of Personnel:

There have been many changes within this department. First and foremost, it is now called the Civil Service Commission. (CSC)

There are a few issues that we are working on with the CSC.

1. The time between the issue date and promulgation date. There is an 8 day window that the local jurisdiction can get a look at the new list and still use the old list, if they choose.
2. Irvington Chiefs test. CSC has granted a re-due because there are only two candidates to choose from.
3. The FO1 test finally was promulgated but the Camden local must re-test.

Important dates and events:

September 19th – IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial – Colorado Springs, CO

September 27th – FDNY Tunnel to Towers Run

October 13th – IAFF Local F103 Golf outing to benefit MDA

October 14th – PFANJ Monthly Meeting

November 3rd – Election DAY

November 8th – 12th – IAFF Redmond Conference – Los Angeles, CA

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

Included in Septembers packet:

PFANJ Balance Sheet as of 8/31/09

Various Articles on Jon Corzine

Various Articles on Chris Christie

Numerous Articles on H1N1

Bulletin from LWD on Golf Carts

Information on FDNY Tunnel to Towers Run

NJ AFL-CIO Endorsed Candidates list

IAFF Legislative update

IAFF article on Health Benefits Tax