

September 2022 Union Meeting Summary

- Local 81 continues to help members navigate benefit issues. If you are going to use your benefits, and/or are unsure how to navigate them, contact Local 81 Firefighter Director Ben Rose or Local 81 Officer Director Jeff Kauffmann.
- The 4th annual Fill the Boot Pub Crawl will be on October 22, 2022. Those participating will be meeting at 8:00 PM at Station 8.
- Seattle Stairclimb signups are coming up on September 22 (this Thursday). Contact Brother Dan Harris with any questions.
- A Platoon Safety Committee positions have been filled.
- The Firefighter Chili Cookoff will be October 8 at America First Stadium.
- Uniform shorts with our Local 81 logo have been authorized and will be forthcoming. One will be given to every union member. Ordering information is being followed up on and currently being developed.
- Local 81 has inquired about reopening wage negotiations with the mayor's office, rather than waiting until the end of our MOU. The mayor's staff has said this would be communicated to the mayor. While the city is not obligated to reopen wage negotiations, this is an initial step as we try to increase wages to confront inflationary and market pressures.
- Political campaign season is upcoming. Local 81 will likely be involved in this process, but no endorsements in local races have been made. Our Union doesn't endorse candidates on personal ideology; we support those who support us, and endorsements are made on who we believe will best support our Firefighters.
- Committee reports given.
- Brother Zach Jeppson has been nominated for Local 81 President. Current nominations are as follows:
 - President- Zach Jeppson
 - Firefighter Director- Ben Rose
 - Secretary- Harrison Long
- Nominations will remain open through the end of Union meeting on October 11.
- The next Union meeting will be held at 9 AM on October 11 at Firefighters Credit Union.

Other News

- The Professional Firefighters of Utah (PFFU) have endorsed Evan McMullen for Senate. His opponent and the incumbent, Mike Lee, was one of only two Senators to vote against the Zadroga Act which provided benefits for Firefighters currently battling 9/11 related illnesses, blocked illness benefits for veterans this year, and refused to be involved with Firefighter Cancer research.
- The PFFU has requested Local 81 Firefighters attend a media event in support of Evan McMullen. Details are as follows:
 - When: This Wednesday, 9/21 at 12:45 PM.
 - Where: 1321 W. California Ave in SLC.
 - Attire: Union or Relief Association shirt. No department attire. Personal gear without department emblem is great.
 - Please let Local 81 Secretary Harrison Long (435-395-8639) know if you can attend.