

October 2022 Union Meeting Summary

- Retired Salt Lake City Fire Captain Paul Runyon gave a presentation on navigating retirement and social security issues. This presentation was recorded and can be viewed here: <https://1drv.ms/v/s!AoMtlfLXSu7igcVrt57WyRPHXaKp2g?e=p8LDs0>
- Local 81 is no longer receiving restitution from a former member and is following up to verify that the former member's restitution obligation has been met.
- 15 members are participating in the Seattle Firefighter Stairclimb. There's a fundraising component to this, with all funds raised benefitting The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. If you would like to make a donation to the team, you can do so here: https://www.llswa.org/site/TR/LLSWA/llswaFF?team_id=73376&pg=team&fr_id=1730
- Fill the Boot Pub Crawl will be held on October 22, 2022. Every Local 81 member is invited and all proceeds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Contact Local 81 Secretary Harrison Long (435-395-8639).
- Senate candidate Evan McMullen is having an event tomorrow morning and would like to feature Firefighters. This is not a Local 81 sponsored or organized event, but those interested are encouraged to attend as members of the Professional Firefighters of Utah. If you are interested in attending, contact Tony Allred.
- The Chili Cookoff happened this past Saturday, and Local 81 would like to thank Brother Chris George for his hard work in a successful event.
- Local 81 will be participating in Coats for Kids in anticipation of Winter, and is currently evaluating where the coats will have the greatest benefit to their recipients.
- Skaggs now has an online store and it's live.
- The SLCFD Administration has proposed allowing Salt Lake City Firefighters with an ARFF specialty to work overtime in the city if non-ARFF Firefighters are unavailable. Additionally, the SLCFD Administration has proposed swinging Salt Lake City Firefighters with an ARFF specialty into the city when Station's 11 and 12 are overstaffed with ARFF-certified personnel. This is in response to the SLCFD's medic shortage, multiple apparatus continually being downgraded from ALS to BLS, and staffing challenges. Maintaining four-handed staffing is paramount to Local 81, as are the well-established benefits in both the health and safety of our membership and the service we provide to our community. Local 81 has asked the administration for time to consider this proposal, and discussions are ongoing.
- ARFF recertification cycle discussed.
- Those who attended the most recent Engineer School will bid positions based on their class ranking.
- Members are encouraged to continue to fill out the Dispatch review form.
- Discussion had regarding Gold Cross Ambulance shortages in the city, wait times, and mutual aid. Please forward information related to this (delays, unavailability, and when we rely on other agencies for mutual aid) to Firefighter Director Ben Rose and/or Officer Director Jeff Kauffman.
- Committee reports for Safety and Engineer Committee given.
- Members of the Honor Guard traveled to Colorado Springs for the IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial and represented our department and Local well. The next Fallen Firefighter Memorial will be held September 14-17, 2023, in Colorado Springs. A big thank you to those that organized our membership and participated in this event.

- Nominations for the Local 81 Executive Board have closed. Nominations received were as follows: Zac Jeppson for Local 81 President, Ben Rose for Firefighter Director, and Harrison Long for Secretary. No further nominations were received. With all positions non-competitive, these members will begin their new term on January 1, 2023 in accordance with Local 81's Constitution and Bylaws. On January 1, 2023, the Local 81 Executive Board will be as follows:
 - President- Zac Jeppson
 - Vice President- John Stevens
 - Officer Director- Jeff Kauffman
 - Firefighter Director- Ben Rose
 - Treasurer- Scot Baskett
 - Secretary- Harrison Long
- The next nomination period will open on August 8, 2023. Nominations will be open for Local 81 Vice President, Officer Director, and Treasurer. The term for each position is two years with those elected assuming office on January 1, 2024.
- The next Union meeting will be held November 8, 2023, at Firefighters Credit Union at 9 AM.