

February 2023 Union Meeting Summary

- Several board members attended ALTS (Affiliate Leadership Training Seminar) and received training in multiple areas, including membership representation, navigating disciplinary issues, political action, and other areas.
- Local 81 is gathering data to see if increased call volume warrants another Gold Cross Ambulance in the city. Members are encouraged to continue filling out the pertinent jot form.
- Firefighter turnouts carry PFAS that are known carcinogens. The International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) is pursuing litigation aimed at making our turnouts PFAS free. More info is available on the IAFF website (iaff.org).
- Local 81 is finishing the end of year taxes and will be meeting with the Audit Committee soon.
- The PFFU is tracking multiple bills this legislative cycle, including HB 104 which would shorten the reemployment time and shorten the years needed to reach a 50% pension from 25 to 22 for Tier II Firefighters. The text of the bill as well as its current status can be found here: <https://le.utah.gov/~2023/bills/static/HB0104.html>
- Local 81 continues to attend multiple meetings, and continues to meet with the mayor and her staff regarding wages and other issues.
- Labor management meeting recapped.
- Reports given for Safety, EMS, JATC, and Engineer committees.
- Lateral opportunities and wages discussed.

Mayor Mendenhall will be attending our next Union meeting and will be taking questions for 30-45 minutes, as well as asking our membership for their endorsement in her reelection campaign. The next Union meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 9:00 AM at Firefighters Credit Union. Please attend YOUR Union meeting.