



RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS OF WASHINGTON

JOIN THE BEST RETIREE ASSOCIATION THERE IS!

Join the Legacy of Excellence with the Retired Firefighters of Washington (RFFOW), advocating for retired firefighters since 1932.

As a dedicated servant who has risked life and limb in the line of duty, your commitment to community and safety has been unparalleled. Now, in your retirement, the RFFOW is here to ensure that your courage and service continue to be honored. Representing retired firefighters since 1932, we are the only organization that encompasses all retirees from three different pension systems: the "Prior Act" pension system (pension system pre-dating LEOFF1) and LEOFF 1 and LEOFF 2.

The RFFOW isn't just about pension advocacy; it's a community. By joining us, you become part of a prestigious history of firefighters who have shaped and built our community beyond their active duties.

INCLUSIVE REPRESENTATION: From the Prior Act retirees to the modern-day retirees of the LEOFF 2 system, we stand as the unified voice for all. Since we have experience in all three pension systems, we are uniquely qualified to represent firefighter retiree interests.

EXPERT ADVOCACY: Led by President Michael Duchemin, a retired labor law attorney with over 25 years of experience, our leadership is deeply versed in the nuances of firefighter pensions and retiree rights. Over the course of his 25 years of practice, President Duchemin has represented the interests of firefighters in all three pension systems: the Prior Act, LEOFF 1, and LEOFF 2 and he provides personalized services to RFFOW members.

INFORMATIVE RESOURCES: Stay connected with our popular monthly newsletter providing updates on legislation, pension developments, statewide issues, and other articles tailored to the interests of retired firefighters.

ENGAGING COMMUNITY: Each month, we gather for our General Membership Meeting on Zoom featuring special speakers on topics vital to you as a retiree, as well as covering RFFOW business. Because meetings are on Zoom, they can be accessed from anywhere across the country, resulting in anywhere from 40 to 100 attendees at each meeting.

ONLINE PRESENCE: Our professional, easy-to-navigate website provides all the resources you need to stay informed and engaged. Check it out at www.rffow.org.

Join us today and ensure your voice and legacy continue to resonate with everyone from legislators across the State of Washington to your other retired firefighter colleagues. You get all of this for just \$5 per month automatically deducted from your pension payment (or by an annual check for \$60).

JOIN: To join the RFFOW, just fill out and submit the application on the back of this flyer. If you have any questions at all, please contact President Michael Duchemin at (360) 710-9375 or by email at mike@rffow.org



Retired Firefighters of Washington

REFERRED BY _____

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PRESIDENT: Michael Duchemin
VICEPRESIDENT: Dave Neyens

RFFOW Membership Application

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Cell): _____

Email Address: _____

How would you like to receive your newsletters? (Circle one): USPS Email Both

Retired From (City, Position, Date Retired): _____

Pension Plan (Circle one): LEOFF I LEOFF II PRIOR ACT

INITIATION FEE: An initiation fee of \$60.00 is due with membership application. Dues are payable the following January 1st for each year of membership. If you choose Option A (pension deduction) initiation fee is waived.

DUES PAYMENT: Dues will not be collected until January 1st each year.

Preferred payment method for annual dues (Circle one): Check Auto-Deduction

Please indicate your preferred method of payment from the list of payment options below:

- ☐ A. Pension deduction of \$60 per year (\$5 a month). \$57 goes to RFFOW, \$3 goes to the Legislative Fund
- ☐ B. Check/cash/money order in the amount of \$60 per year. \$57 goes to RFFOW, \$3 goes to the Legislative Fund.
- ☐ C. Check/cash/money order in the amount of \$57 per year, RFFOW membership only

. FOR OPTION A:

At my own risk, I authorize DRS to regularly deduct a sufficient amount from my retirement allowance to pay dues/voluntary payment deduction at my request under this program. I hold DRS harmless for any problems the payment causes to occur between the organization and me.

Initials: _____ Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number: _____

Deductions will continue until:

- (1) I write to the RFFOW and DRS, asking for my deductions to end;
- (2) The deduction plan is terminated.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Once you have completed this form, please sign and mail it, along with a check for your initiation fee to
RFFOW, 637 NE Haugen Street, Poulsbo WA 98370