

Federal Election Strategy on Tap for Canadian Policy Conference

Canada's affiliate leaders will gather in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador August 4-7 for the IAFF 2019 Biennial Canadian Policy Conference.

The Conference is a unique event where resolutions submitted by affiliates are debated and voted on, and has also emerged as a forum where the union's Canadian leadership discuss emerging



issues affecting the nation's 25,400 members. With a federal election slated to take place in October, this year's conference will feature election strategy sessions and other public safety and labour issues prior to the start of the election campaign. The Biennial Canadian Policy Conference also includes provincial updates, educational presentations, guest speakers and other highlights. ■

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Now Participating Provider for IAFF Center of Excellence

Carefirst BlueCross BlueShield is now a participating provider with the IAFF Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery, giving members who are Carefirst BlueCross BlueShield policy holders greater and more affordable access to this critical, life-saving treatment for post-traumatic stress, substance abuse and co-occurring mental health issues.

The Center of Excellence is also a participating provider with United Behavioral Health, Aetna Health, Cigna Behavioral Health, Humana Behavioral Health, MultiPlan, First Health Group, Healthcare Solutions Group and others. Learn more about the IAFF Center of Excellence at www.iaffrecoverycenter.com or call (855) 385-4335 to coordinate an admission. ■

Help for Our Federal Brothers and Sisters

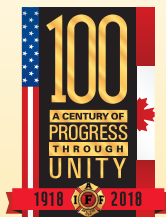
The IAFF Executive Board, by unanimous decision, approved an exemption to the IAFF Disaster Relief Policy to award each member of two federal locals a grant in the amount of \$500 to provide some financial assistance while the government shutdown continued into its fifth week.

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Gaithersburg Local F-161 in Maryland and Coast Guard Local F-298 at the Coast Guard Training Center in Petaluma, California, were among those working without pay during the partial U.S. federal government shutdown. ■

U.S. Senate Passes Resolution Recognizing IAFF's 100th Anniversary

In one of the last acts of 2018, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution congratulating the IAFF on its 100th anniversary. The resolution passed unanimously.

The IAFF worked with Senators Ben Cardin (D-MD) and Susan Collins (R-ME) on the document acknowledging our union for always keeping the



needs of members in mind as it lobbied for the passage of legislation directly impacting fire fighters and paramedics, their economic security and on-the-job safety. In addition to the legislative work the IAFF has done, the resolution also praises the union's efforts to develop training programs, behavioral health outreach initiatives and other resources. ■



IAFF Stands With Striking LA Teachers

Just hours after more than 1,500 local IAFF leaders attending the Affiliate Leadership Training Summit (ALTS) in Los Angeles stood with our striking United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) sisters and brothers January 22 in an early morning rally, UTLA reached a tentative deal with the L.A. Unified School District (LAUSD). The tentative agreement will improve working conditions for teachers and learning conditions for students. The march/rally was broadcast live on Facebook and updated on Twitter. ■

2019 IAFF Media Awards Contest Opens May 6

Share your story about the work IAFF members do in your community — on and off the job. The IAFF Media Awards Contest honors reporting and photography that show the important and dangerous work fire fighters and paramedics do, as well as affiliate communications efforts with members, elected officials and the public. More information will be online at www.iaff.org/mediaawards this spring. ■



NFORS Exposure Tracking Goes Mobile

The new National Fire Operations Reporting System (NFORS) exposure tracking module is now available as an app from the Google Play store and Apple App store.

Previously, only fire fighters whose departments were on board with the NFORS CAD module could access the NFORS exposure module. With the app, any fire fighter, paramedic or officer can access and use the exposure tracker, which serves as a personal database providing a detailed history of work and exposures in a private, encrypted and secure online environment. As more governments enact presumptive legislation providing workers' compensation coverage for fire fighters who contract cancer or have PTSD, the NFORS personal exposure record provides evidence of work-related exposures should you need it. Your exposure data stays with you for life, even into retirement.

Visit www.nfors.org for more information or to schedule a demo for your department. ■

