



### **Sisters & Brothers of the PFFMaine:**

Election Day is finally here for the 2018 Mid-Term Cycle. And for those of our members that have not already VOTED, today's the day for you to go VOTE. For a secure retirement, better workers' compensation coverage, enhancements to our presumptive laws, protection and improvements to our labor laws and collective bargaining rights, affordable healthcare and the tools we need to do our jobs well.

Our political activity over the years in getting Firefighter Friendly Candidates elected to federal and state office[s] has been instrumental for the PFFMaine to achieve the following legislative accomplishments for our members:

- Defeated the Palesky Tax Cap Proposal along with TABOR I and II, that would have eliminated half of the PFFM jobs in the state Maine.
- Passed LD 1021 that allows for a 45% retiree health care subsidy for cops and firefighters who participate in the program.
- Passed LD 182 that prohibits the use of any flame retardant in new upholstered furniture after January 2019. Maine is the first state in the nation to do so and will help reduce the risk of cancer in firefighters.
- Passed a rebuttable cancer presumption law for firefighters to add to the existing presumptions already in place for infectious disease and heart and lung.
- Passed a law for Line of Duty Death Benefits under the MPERS retirement system. So, if a member dies while falling under the provisions of a rebuttable presumption illness the beneficiaries would receive a 2/3 retirement compensation.
- During the administration of Governor LePage, the PFFM defeated numerous attempts at passage of Right to Work bills and continues to protect the rights of workers to support their unions.

- Defeated attempts to lessen the impact of harmful changes made to the Workers Compensation system proposed by the LePage administration.
- The PFFMaine helped the FDNY and IAFF secure passage of the 9/11 Zadroga Health and Safety Act for those who worked at Ground Zero and have become sick.
- Passed LD 848 that makes it a rebuttable presumption in Workers Compensation for our members who suffer from PTSD.

Our efforts to elect Fire Fighter Friendly Candidates into Federal, State and Local positions has no doubt help the PFFMaine in advancing a legislative agenda that enhances and protects the benefits, bargaining rights, and other working conditions that supports our members and their families. Its been a real journey over the years to see our Union take real meaningful steps forward for our professional and families when other organizations have been unable to make similar legislative advancements. So, with that said, **I hope you'll turn out to vote today** so we can field the best team of legislators, executives and watchdogs to continue our success over the next two years in Augusta and Washington.

With Warmest Regards, I remain...

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John Martell, President  
Professional Fire Fighters of Maine

Taking Maine's Professional Firefighters One Step Further!