



SUPPORT FOR PFFM POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Sisters and Brothers:

As discussed during our October 16th, 2018 Quarterly meeting, the PFFM's Political Action Committee [PAC] is an integral part of the PFFM's efforts to promote the legislative and political interests of all professional fire fighters and paramedics at the State level. PFFMPAC's mission is to educate our members on Congress, the Governor and our House Representatives and Senators at the State Level about issues important to fire fighters, dispatchers and emergency medical personnel [Our Members] and to help elect candidates to office that support those issues.

Although not every candidate who receives a PFFMPAC contribution is elected, every PFFMPAC-supported candidate stands strongly in support of issues important to fire fighters and emergency medical personnel. The PFFMPAC's goal is simple: if an incumbent or candidate supports the PFFM on its legislative priorities, our PAC funds will support him or her - regardless of political affiliation. The only label that matters is pro-fire fighter.

In addition, we also discussed the importance of the IAFF FIREPAC and how it also helps to support our endorsed candidates at the state and national level through our members voluntary contributions. And in this mid-term election cycle how the IAFF FIREPAC can also help the PFFMPAC.

Specifically, in the Maine gubernatorial race, the IAFF has offered to do a 2-1-dollar match of any voluntary contributions to our PFFM PAC. That is, for every \$1.00 dollar that you and/or your members voluntarily donate to the PFFMPAC, the IAFF FIREPAC will match that contribution with \$2.00. This is a great opportunity for you and your members to help support our candidate Janet Mills. The reality is, as we all know, under the current system we need the funds to get our message out. We can sit back and just see what happens, or we can participate in the 2018 Mid-Term Election Cycle to make a change and to ensure we elect a Governor that will support the PFFM's Legislative Agenda and to protect the existing rights and benefits we currently enjoy. We can do this by contributing to the PFFM's PAC, so we can get our message out and/or actively participate in the campaign during the last few weeks of this election cycle.

As you can imagine, the PFFM is overwhelmed during these elections with requests for help, we understand that. But one of way we can help is to contribute to the PFFMPAC, so we can raise additional funds for our PAC and take advantage of the IAFF's 2 for 1 offer. This will increase our PAC so we can meet our goal to elect a firefighter friendly Governor that supports the PFFM on its legislative priorities. Again, our only label that matters is pro-fire fighter.

As leaders, we look to you to get this message out so that your members can decide how they want to help. It is important to convey that any amount is neither too small or too big. Every contribution helps to make a difference. Again, we are looking to maximize our PFFM PAC by the end of the month so that we can weigh in the last week of the election. Contributions can be made out to the "PFFM PAC" and sent to Secretary/Treasurer David Bickford, [162 Plymouth Rd., Etna, Maine 04434](#).

Thank you for sharing this with you members and stay safe.

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John Martell, President
Professional Fire Fighters of Maine