



Having an Organizing Event?

Members of the **AFGE Firefighter Steering Committee** can assist with outreach to your fire departments during your local or district organizing events.

If requested, the Committee can send representative firefighters to your local or regional lunch & learns and other membership drive functions to identify firefighting units within your local and speak directly to bargaining unit members on the benefits of AFGE.

Additionally, the Committee maintains a partnership with DEFCON and all DOD entities through the Fire & Emergency Service Working Group; as well as regional contacts throughout the federation, including the VA & Homeland Security.

If you have a firefighting unit at your base or hospital, put them in touch with us! We are building regional and local contact lists to maintain communication.

Contact us

Visit our website
www.afge.org/firefighters

On our website you'll find:



Contact info for Regional and Local contacts as well as District National Vice Presidents



An interactive map of where your fellow AFGE Firefighters are located



AFGE Firefighter "Swag" for purchase, including shirts, hats, patches, coins decals, and coffee mugs



Contract Language Proposal Workbook



All current AFGE members who occupy positions in the federal fire service are invited to join our Facebook group. Inside, we discuss ongoing issues in a respectful and civil environment.

Please provide your name, contact information, and local number when applying for access. Once verified, you're in!

www.facebook.com/groups/afgefedfire



Welcome to the AFGE Firefighter Steering Committee

"Serving Federal Firefighters
Through Knowledge and Strength"

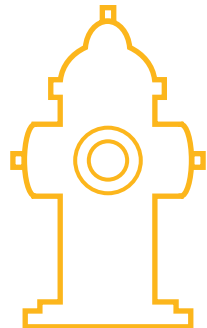
Who We Are

The **Firefighter Steering Committee** was created by the AFGE National President's Office. It is not a bargaining council and cannot negotiate or enter into agreements on behalf of its members. Its officers are full-time or retired firefighters who are not entitled to official time for the purpose of representing firefighters.

We were established to represent the interests of federal firefighters by fostering and maintaining relationships with policy-makers in the Executive Branch and with Legislators who support issues of concern to its members.

The funding for the **AFGE Firefighter Steering Committee** is provided from the general funds of AFGE via operation of provisions of Article XXIV of the AFGE Constitution.

The **AFGE Firefighter Steering Committee** consists of appointees drawn from rank and file members of AFGE who occupy non-supervisory positions in the federal fire service.



What We Do

We serve as a forum for members to raise issues, ask questions, and have questions answered concerning their employment as firefighters. We strive to provide relevant resources to members. Our structure is designed to facilitate communications among federal firefighters.

The **AFGE Firefighter Steering Committee's** objectives include:

- Developing and providing appropriate contract language for use in collective bargaining
- Reviewing cases involving firefighter employment issues and referring them when appropriate to the AFGE National Office for possible legal assistance
- Pursuing legislative initiatives that will better the working conditions of federal firefighters
- Fostering and encouraging the educational and professional development of firefighters

The Committee meets monthly to discuss legislative issues, training opportunities, organizing efforts, and outreach to Locals and Districts in an effort to build a network of firefighters throughout the Federation.

Resources:

Contract Language

Over the years, we have collected contract language for firefighters to use in writing and negotiating their own collective bargaining agreements. Our Contract Language Proposal Workbook is available on the website.

Federal Firefighter Manuals

The AFGE Firefighter Steering Committee maintains a variety of resources valuable to federal firefighters, personnel specialists, supervisors and labor-management personnel. Our Federal Firefighter Manuals contain the most up-to-date information and case law impacting federal firefighters.



All resources can be found on our website.
www.afge.org/firefighters