



Washington Fire Chiefs 2017

Top 5 Legislative Issues

- **Sustainable Fire/EMS funding (examples)**

- o Restructure the 1% Lid Limit
- o Raise the E.M.S. levy cap to \$.75/\$1000 of A.V.
- o Change fire levy funding to mirror port authorities which are outside the \$10 constitutional limit
- o Equitable compensation from tax exempt facilities for contracted fire services

- **Wildland Fire prevention, mitigation, suppression (examples)**

- o Pre-fire mitigation planning (e.g. Ready Set Go!)
- o Volunteer FF's pension fix
- o Create incentives for communities to voluntarily adopt the WUI code
- o Fireworks bans during extreme fire danger without a one-year wait

- **Capital improvements for Fire Training Academy, specifically the burn building**

- **Support recommendations from volunteer recruitment & retention incentives committee**

- o Volunteer FF's opt into employer medical insurance pool
- o Employer tax credit for active volunteer FF response during working hours
- o Important/Continuing Issues
- o ADD insurance coverage for member organizations
- o Reduce license tab fees for active volunteers

- **JATC funding and sustainability**

Other issues:

- **GEMT implementation**
- **Preventing public records request abuses & funding agency costs for compliance**
- **E-911 funds/upgrades**
- **Residential fire sprinkler advocacy (examples)**
 - o Residential fire sprinklers in new townhomes
 - o Remove barriers to voluntary installation
 - o Restore fire sprinkler contractor fund to intended use
- **City fire authority**
- **LNI premium stabilization**
- **Simple majority for RFA benefit service charge renewal**
- **Update and implement the 2006 statewide regional hazmat response team plan (CBRNE)**
- **RFA structural equity with fire districts**
- **Develop a long term plan for LEOFF 1**
- **Fire vehicle exemption in HOV & Toll Lanes**
- **Funding WAFIRS program**
- **FF memorial foundation license plates**