



Washington Fire Chiefs

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- Sustainable Funding
 - Restructure the 1% levy lid cap
 - EMS cap raised to \$.75
 - Mirror port authorities which are outside the \$10
- Fire Training Academy Funding
- Improve Volunteer Firefighter Pension
- Incentivize Regionalization with exclusive funding options
- Funding for State all-risk mobilization

Other Important Issues:

- Coverage for No Mans Land
- Improve PTSD Coverage Framework
- Improve Presumptive Illness and Disease Coverage Framework
- Wildland Pre-Fire Mitigation
- Reimbursement from insurance companies for supplies and hours spent at emergency calls
- Enhance CARES and Similar Program Funding
- Fire sprinklers for adult family homes with more than 6 residents
- GEMT Administration
- Improve mental illness impacts on Fire/EMS
- Create a second level of Volunteer Firefighter Certification for Defensive Only Operations
- Wildland Policy Improvements

- Mass shooting solutions integrated with Fire and EMS interests
- State E-911 Funds/Upgrades
- Fireworks Safety
- Require existing State Law Fiscal Impacts also consider local impacts
- Fire vehicle exemption in HOV & Toll Lanes
- Incentivize/Enhance Group Purchasing Cooperative
- Help lead the update of the Statewide Regional HazMat Response Team Plan (CBRNE)
- EMS interstate compacts
- Strengthen Smoke Alarm laws in rentals
- JATC Funding & Sustainability
- LNI premium stabilization
- Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety
- Food truck fire safety
- Creation of a state-wide fire investigation resource
- Help implement AFFF (PFAS FF Foams) phase out
- Return or fund the basic firefighter training reimbursement
- Work with State Medicaid and Medicare to cover "No Transport" costs for ambulance services
- Increase small purchase threshold on equipment and supplies from \$10,000 to \$50,000
- Improve access to wildland gear for volunteer departments.
- State-wide EMS transport funding for rural areas.
- Improve access to training materials for volunteer departments.
- Improve and fund volunteer firefighter training
- Residential fire sprinkler requirements