



## FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 311 QUARTERLY

### President's Update



For our Madison members, our contract will expire at the end of this year and we will begin the bargaining process soon. As for the rest of this contract, we can expect two raises before the end of the year. As stated in Appendix D of our contract (our wage schedule), a 2% increase will be effective as of the first pay period of July and a 1% increase in first pay period of December. As always, check your pay stubs to ensure you have received an increase.

We sent a letter of intent to bargain our successor agreement to the City last week. We will more than likely begin bargaining late summer or early fall. We are hopeful that this round will be a smoother process than the last. As we have done in the past we will be sending out a survey to the membership so that we can see what the membership feels should be the bargaining team's priorities this go around. VP Sherry will be sending out the survey within the coming months. I know we are all busy in the summer but if you could please take a couple of minutes to fill out the survey it would be greatly appreciated. We actually do read them and attempt to take all the feedback into account. Along with Local 311 committees and member input, the bargaining survey also serves as a tool for Local 311 Leadership to better understand what is really wanted and needed for us to better do our jobs.

### Sun Prairie EMS Update



In a March 14th court appearance regarding the wrongful termination of Local 311 members John Uebelacker and Matt Schaller, Dane County Circuit Court Judge Neiss confirmed the arbitrator's award of \$600K in back and forward pay to Matt and John. The City of Sun Prairie has filed paperwork appealing that award at the Appellate Court level and, in the meantime, Local 311 has placed a lien on the City for the money they owe our members. The next court date has not been set, but is likely 6 months out.

The City of Sun Prairie is currently conducting a national search to replace former EMS Director Kep Anderson who resigned after Local 311 members spoke out and filed multiple misconduct complaints against him. The City's internal investigation into Mr. Anderson's misconduct substantiated our members' claims and confirmed the hostile work environment that Local 311 alleged he created. His resignation was a huge victory for the 311 members in Sun Prairie and the department is doing well under the supervision of Acting EMS Director, and Local 311 member, Eric Lang.

### St. Baldrick's



30 shaves took part in Local 311's St. Baldrick's event at the Coliseum Bar. The participants were brave enough to have their heads shaved to raise money for childhood cancer research. In all, participants raised an incredible \$41,000 for St. Baldrick's and look forward to raising even more next year! Thanks to John Byrd and Chris Hubert for organizing the event!

St. Baldrick's Foundation is a nationwide organization that raises money for childhood cancer research. They raised over \$38 million in 2016 and are on track to raise even more in 2017.

### MDA Fill the Boot Beach Party



Come out to Christy's Landing Sunday July 16 from 2-6pm to help Fill the Boot for MDA! There will be live music from Madison County, Oberon Beer from Bells's Brewery, food, raffles and prizes. It's sure to be a good time and a great way to raise money for MDA. We are looking for a few volunteers as well. If you would like to help out, contact Kevin McDonald or Peter Friedericks.

### Fire On Ice



Fire On Ice was a huge success again this year! Ciaran was this year's "Wish Kid". We hosted him for dinner at Station 7, a station and rig tour, and gave him a ride over to the ice arena where he dropped the puck to start the tournament. Ciaran suffers from Langerhans cell histiocytosis and his wish was to go to Diggerland in New Jersey. In all, the tournament raised over \$14,000 for Make-A-Wish! Big thanks to Matt Murray and his planning committee, the crew at 7B for hosting dinner, and all the volunteers that helped make the event such a success! Unfortunately, MFD Hockey was unable to bring home the trophy. Suburban Minneapolis took home gold.



### Upcoming Events

- Fill the Boot Beach Party - July 16
- General Membership - July 19
- Police and Fire Ball - November 4

