2017 CONVENTION CALL

The 42nd Biennial Convention of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, AFL-CIO will be held at the Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis, Massachusetts.

CONVENTION DATES:
June 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, & 15th, 2017.

REGISTRATION FEE FOR DELEGATES:
$200.00 per delegate. Late Registration fee of $225.00 per delegate for credentials postmarked after April 11, 2017, & may result in Delegate’s name being omitted from the Convention Delegate list.
  * Locals registered, with all financial obligations fulfilled for seating at the Convention by the May 2017 Monthly Meeting, will receive 1 entry into a raffle for a $250 Gift Certificate to The Brazilian Grill Churrascaria of Hyannis.
    * The winning entry will be pulled at the close of business at the May 2017 Monthly Meeting.

ONLINE DELEGATE REGISTRATION:
Registration will be completed by each Local President (or his designee) through the PFFM Membership Database.
  * Local Presidents (or designee) will log in to the PFFM Membership Database.
  * Follow the online directions to select delegates from your list of members.
  * Click “Confirm Choices”.
  * Check Your email (President’s email on file in the PFFM Membership Database)
  * Credentials & Hotel reservation information will be emailed to you.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE CREDENTIALS:
Those Locals who choose to register Alternate Delegates must make request in writing to the PFFM Secretary-Treasurer and Alternate Delegate

REPRESENTATION:
Delegate Representation, in accordance with the Constitution & By-Laws Article VIII Section 4, is based on the Local’s annual average membership (Jan-Dec 2016):

1 - 100 Members - 6 Delegates
101- 200 Members - 8 Delegates
201- 300 Members - 10 Delegates
301+ Members - 12 Delegates

No Local shall be represented by more than twelve (12) delegates.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS PRIOR TO CONVENTION:
In accordance with the Constitution & By-Laws, Article VIII Section 6:

“Any Local union entitled to representation at the Biennial Convention must have all of their outstanding financial obligations paid in full prior to the convention, and their Per Capita and PAC payments, up to and including the May invoice for the current fiscal year paid in full, before they will be permitted to be seated.”

In order to be seated, all locals must be paid up through and including May 2017 per capita dues & PAC payments, as well as any other outstanding invoices.
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CONVENTION CHECK-IN:
• Locals must bring a copy of the email confirmation.
• Registration will be open:
  Sunday - June 11, 2017, from Approx. 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
  Monday - June 12, 2017, from Approx. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
  Tuesday - June 13, 2017, from Approx. 9:00 am - 10:00 am

CONVENTION MEMORIAM:
A Memoriam page will be included in the Delegate Convention Materials.
• Locals are asked to please complete the Memoriam Worksheet which
  can be found on the Convention Web Site, or by clicking the link in the
  Convention confirmation email.
• The names of the Local’s members who have passed away since the
  2015 Biennial Convention.
• Please return the Memoriam Worksheet to Michael Papagni,
  PFFM Information Officer, as soon as possible to ensure
  inclusion in the Convention materials. (No later than April 11th)

RESOLUTIONS:
Locals should submit resolutions for the 2017 Biennial Convention of the
Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts no later than April 11, 2017.
• Resolutions post marked after April 11, 2017, will be considered LATE
  FILED.
• Late File resolutions will require a 90% vote of the delegates for
  acceptance into the 2017 Convention.
• All Resolutions must be typewritten, and signed by the Member, an
  officer of the Local, and an officer of the PFFM, or by a Registered
  Delegate at the 2017 Convention.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES:
Delegates who wish to be considered to serve on a Convention Committee:
• Must request consideration by email to
• Delegates must include the following:
  • Name
  • Local Name & Number
  • IAFF Number
  • Desired Committee

Please Note: Delegates may be required to meet and conduct business at
least once prior to the start of the Convention as well as the morning of
Monday June 12, 2017.

OPENING CEREMONY:
The Opening Ceremony of the 42nd Biennial Convention of the Professional
Fire Fighters of Massachusetts will begin promptly at 12:00 noon on Monday,
June 12, 2017.
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START OF CONVENTION BUSINESS:
The 42nd Biennial Convention of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts will be called to order at 1:30 pm, on Monday, June 12, 2017.

VENDORS & SPONSORS:
Vendors & Sponsors for the 42nd Biennial Convention of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts should visit www.pffm.org/pffm17 for more information and for the official Vendor & Sponsor Application.

SPECIAL EVENTS:
The Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts as well as the Host Local, Hyannis IAFF Local 2172, will be hosting a number of special events. More information will be released as it becomes available.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:
• All hotel reservations will be made online using the Host Hotel Online Registration. Special rate of $148.00 (and up) per night will be available for a limited time.
• Access may be made through our web site or: www.pffm.org/hotel
• Group Discount code: PFFM (case sensitive)
• Or by contacting the Hotel Directly:
  Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis
  35 Scudder Ave. Hyannis, MA 02601
  866-828-8259

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE COMPLETELY.

THIS SERVES AS OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 42nd BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS OF MASSACHUSETTS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BILL CABRAL
SECRETARY-TREASURER
PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS OF MASSACHUSETTS