



WASHINGTON FIRE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

MAJOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Introduced and passed firefighter training reform legislation **providing improved access and training to firefighters on a local level.** (2015)

Passed legislation that provides **authority for fire districts to deny a potential merger petition** in order to protect levy rates and levels of service. (2014)

Proposed and passed legislation to **increase on-duty death benefits** to family members of volunteer firefighters killed in the line of duty from \$150,000 to \$216,000. (2013)

Proposed and passed legislation to **increase child/dependent benefits** of volunteer firefighters killed in line of duty from \$150 to \$500 per month. (2013)

Instrumental in passing legislation to **exempt fire districts from biofuel mandates** with passage of resolution by local board of commissioners. (2013)

Introduced and passed legislation providing for a **simple majority vote for renewal of EMS levies.** (2012)

Passed legislation authorizing large districts with \$10 million-plus operating budgets to **expand to seven-member boards.** (2012)

Volunteer firefighter license plates authorized. (2011)

Impact fee authority for fire districts planning under Growth Management Act. (2010)

Instrumental in negotiating **annexation reform** for agreements between cities and fire districts. (2010)

Introduced and **passed the volunteer "retire and rehire"** legislation. (2010)

Introduced and **passed multi-year lid lift authority** for fire districts. (2009)

Protected firefighter pensions from adverse merger and double disability protection for volunteer EMTs and firefighters. (2009)

Passed legislation authorizing fire districts to use a **small works roster** in place of sealed bid process. (2009)

Protected and excepted fire district levy rates from tax increment financing proposals. (2009)

Introduced and **passed vocational rehabilitation benefits** for volunteer firefighters. (2008)

Additional \$0.25 per \$1,000 A.V. proration for fire districts. (2006)

Passed legislation **increasing bid limits for equipment** from \$10,000 to \$50,000 by use of phone quotes. (2006)