

NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

From the New Jersey State Firemen's Association President

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, the decision to hold a one-day walk-through election in Wildwood was reaffirmed. The decision on having walk-through County Caucuses was also reconfirmed.

County Caucuses will be walk-through elections of the County Committeeperson for that County and where necessary, the election of that County's Manager to the New Jersey Firemen's Home. Voting will take place from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the date and at the location listed on our website www.njsfa.com on the Caucus and Convention tab. Delegates and Life Members will register, be handed a ballot to complete and drop in the ballot box, and as they leave, they will be handed a packet of information concerning the elections in Wildwood and copies of various reports that would normally be given during the regular Convention sessions. There will not be a meeting and there will be no refreshments at the Caucuses. No one will be paid to attend the Caucuses, but Delegates will be penalized \$100.00 for not attending their County Caucus as in past years.

The Convention will be a one-day walk-through Election on Friday, September 17th. Voting will take place from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Convention Center. We will try to stagger arrival times by asking County Delegates and Life Members to come during specific hours. The suggested staggering is not mandatory, but strongly urged as we are trying to shorten the line to get into the Convention Center by spreading out the voting so everyone does not have a long wait to register.

Delegates and Life members will enter the Convention Center and enter the back of the main hall through the set of doors closest to the boardwalk. They need to have their Delegate or Life Member card ready as they enter. Any Delegates or Life Member without cards or any Alternates with the proper Alternate Registration paperwork will need to register at the Manual Registration table to the right of the regular registration area. When you register, you will be handed a ballot to be filled out on tables set up in the voting area. Please do not fold or bend your ballot. After you complete your ballot, you will walk to the voting machines and insert your ballot.

After inserting your ballot, you will exit to your left where there will be Convention badges and additional copies of reports for those that did not receive them at their County Caucus. For those Government employees that need attendance verification forms for work, this is where you would get your form. At this point you will exit back out onto the Boardwalk and you are done. Delegates will get credit for two sessions towards Life Membership to the Convention for attending the September 17th voting session. The Expense reimbursement schedule will be mailed to the Local Association Secretary along with Delegate Credentials prior to the Caucuses.

If you are listed as one of the three at-large Delegates, the Chief Delegate or the Exempt Delegate, you must register as the Delegate and you will not be permitted to register as a Life Member. Alternates are reminded of the following. Any of the three at-large Alternates can replace any of the three at-large Delegates and only the three at-large delegates. The listed Chief's Alternate is the only person that can replace the Chief. The listed Exempt Alternate is the only person that can replace the Exempt Delegate. Secretaries have until one week before the date of your County Caucus to make changes to the listed Delegates and Alternates for the Caucuses. Secretaries have until August 31st to make changes to the listed Delegates and Alternates for the Convention.

The Five-Mile Beach Association runs all of the activities outside the Convention Center. To get information on what they are hosting, go to their website at www.njfireexpo.com.