



USFA SIZE UP

OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP STEWARD



Sam Larson started with the Bloomington, Utah Fire in 1980 as a volunteer. They were annexed into St. George City in 1983. Sam volunteered until 2004 when he was made a full time firefighter. Completed his career in 2015, retiring as a Captain. He then went back to volunteering. Sam worked as a truck driver for most of his life and bought his Dad's ranch in 1980, starting with sheep and moving into cattle. He and his wife Jan have 5 children and 6 grandchildren. Enjoys team roping with his son and grandson and doing a little traveling (Scotland was his last adventure).



Members-

My name is Eldon Farnsworth and I am serving as your President of the Utah State Firefighters' Association for 2018-2019. I worked for South Salt Lake City Fire Department for 40 years, 36 full time and 4 part time. Throughout my career I held the ranks of Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, and Battalion Chief and served as Fire Investigator, Fire Marshal, and Emergency Manager. Other programs that I helped to establish are the juvenile fire setter intervention program, firefighter rehabilitation program and an emergency communication (ham radio) team. In 2003 I set up a nonprofit called Firemen & Friends for Kids. I have been retired now for close to two years and spend time working for the nonprofit corporation and our Utah State Firefighters' Association. I am married to my beautiful wife of 37 years and we have one son.

Time is flying by. It seems that just yesterday we were at convention. There has been a lot happening in the fire service with many wildfires, both here in Utah and in other states. With hurricane season starting, some of our Utah Firefighters are again heading out to help others around the country.

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, we held our quarterly meeting at the Utah Fire Museum, located at the Deseret Peak Complex in Grantsville. We recognized the loss of Battalion Chief Matt Burchette. His name will be added to the memorial wall in 2019. The passing of Battalion Chief Burchette is a tragic loss to his family, The Draper Fire Department, Unified Fire Authority and the entire fire community.

Each year at convention we hold an awards ceremony to recognize and honor personnel that go above and beyond the call of duty. We would like your help in finding deserving firefighters. You can submit an application to Gina Bell, USFA Secretary, PO Box 26731 Salt Lake City, UT 84126 by March 10, 2019. Follow the link to see the categories and get the information at <https://www.fireassociation.com/firefighter-of-the-year/>

They ever care how much you know until they know how much you care!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 14 & 16, 2019—Firefighter Appreciation Nights—<https://groupmatics.events/group/Firefighterappreciation5>

APRIL 13, 2019—USFA Pre-Convention & Quarterly Meetings—American Fork, Utah

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR CONVENTION: January 1—April 30 <https://americanforkfireassociation.weebly.com/>

JUNE 12-15, 2019—2019 UTAH STATE FIREFIGHTERS CONVENTION—American Fork, UT

JULY 13, 2019—USFA Installation & Quarterly Meetings— Location TBD

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

UTAH STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION CONVENTION ATTENDANCE GRANTS

In an effort to increase comradery and attendance at the Utah State Firefighters' Association (USFA) Conventions, the Board of Directors believe it's in the best interest of the Association to offer a grant up to a maximum of \$250.00 per firefighter, so members of the Associations can attend annual conventions. This grant application is available on our website.

The Firefighter Cancer Support Network

Cancer in the Fire Service is an extremely "hot" topic! This year President Trump signed into law H.R. 931, the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act. The House of Representatives passed H.R. 931, by a unanimous consent on June 22, 2018. The legislation will require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to develop and maintain a voluntary registry to collect data regarding the incidence of certain cancers in firefighters. This law will also bring together information on firefighters' history to help doctors and researchers find any connections between firefighters' work and increased risk for cancer. Unfortunately, firefighters do and will still get cancer. The Firefighter Cancer Support Network's mission is to help Fire/EMS members and their families cope with cancer and to provide occupational cancer awareness and prevention training. Utah has a local representative, Michael Conn. Unfortunately, Michael here's about firefighters around the State of Utah all too often, but cannot act, unless a request is made by the firefighter and his/or his family. If you know of someone in the fire service who could use this assistance, please encourage them to either request assistance through their website at www.firefightercancersupport.org or by contacting Michael Conn at 801-809-2210. Michael is a Captain with Unified Fire Authority and has been the Utah State Representative for several years.

HIGHLIGHTS – CONVENTION 2018



(Above/Below) The convention parade is always a big hit for all attendees children and the kids in the community.



(Above) Delegates attend the first morning General Meeting.



(Below) Individuals from Salt Lake City Fire, Uintah County Search & Rescue and Vernal Fire Department along with two agencies received the Valor in Emergency Response for their participation in the Vernal Cave rescue on January 7, 2018.



(Above) Members visit while waiting for the Golf Tournament to start. Tournament



(Above) Our vendors are a huge part of what makes our convention successful.

Applications for Membership are located on the Association's website: www.fireassociation.com