



Michigan Professional **FIRE FIGHTERS UNION**

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Re: MPFFU 2010 Convention Information

Dear Local President:

The 49th Biennial Convention of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union will be held on May 5-6-7, 2010 at the MGM Grand Hotel in Detroit.

Members attending this convention will determine the goals and the objectives of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union for the next several years. It is very important that every local is represented at this major event.

The convention will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 and will conclude at approximately 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2010. The time that the business sessions end on Wednesday and Thursday will be at the discretion of the President and/or the Convention delegates.

Nominations for the offices of President, Secretary-Treasurer, District Vice Presidents, and Trustees will take place on Wednesday, May 5th. The election for all of these positions will take place on Thursday, May 6th between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Delegates will also vote on the site for the 2012 MPFFU Convention.

There will also be an exclusive Welcome Reception for delegates, alternates, and registered guests on Tuesday, May 4th from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. in the Ignite Lounge area of the MGM Hotel.

REGISTRATION

Credentials for delegates and alternates are enclosed. Please **PRINT or TYPE** the full name of each delegate and/or alternate who will be attending the convention. The number of delegates and alternates that your local is entitled to is pre-printed on the form. Send the enclosed **original** registration form along with your check(s) for the registration fee to the State office as soon as possible.

*To be eligible for the **early-bird registration fee of \$175 per person**, your envelope must be postmarked no later than **April 1, 2010**.*

If you register **after April 1st**, the registration fee is **\$225 per person** and is due in the State office no later than April 30, 2010.

The **on-site** registration fee will be **\$250** per person.

All convention materials, the receptions, the luncheons on Wednesday and Thursday, and the President's reception on Thursday evening are included in the registration fee.

All MPFFU members and their spouses or other guests are welcome and encouraged to attend this convention as **registered guests**.

All guests must pay the guest registration fee of \$75 which covers all of the sponsored food & beverage functions throughout the entire convention. Guest tickets for just one day of the convention are \$30 per person.

We encourage all members to consider paying with a personal check made payable to MPFFU Fire PAC. If you pay with a local Union check, it cannot be made payable to Fire PAC, it must be made out to the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union.

In order to be seated at the convention, your local must have paid its per-capita tax, in full, through the month of **March 2010**. Please check with your local's treasurer prior to your arrival at the convention to confirm that this has been done.

Attendees may check-in and receive their convention packets beginning on Tuesday, May 4th between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. A picture ID is required to check-in and to receive the convention packets. Registration will resume on Wednesday May 5th at 7:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The DEADLINE for checking in and picking up all delegate or alternate name badges is 12:00 p.m., Thursday, May 6, 2010. Persons that have not picked up their own name badges by this deadline will not be allowed to take part in the convention proceedings.

RESOLUTIONS

- ❖ Resolutions must be printed or typed and signed by the person(s) introducing them.
- ❖ Resolutions received by the MPFFU office prior to April 1, 2010, will be distributed to all locals prior to the convention.
- ❖ ***Resolutions will be accepted until April 30, 2010.*** After this date, resolutions shall only be considered with the authorization of the Convention Resolutions Committee or by a majority vote of the Convention delegates.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- ❖ The President shall select delegates for committee assignments from the list of those delegates who register prior to April 1, 2010. Please notify the State office, in writing, if you are interested in serving on a convention committee.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

- ❖ **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ROOM RESERVATIONS.**
- ❖ Hotel accommodations should be made directly with the MGM Grand Detroit. **When you make your reservation, tell them that you are attending the Michigan Professional Fire Fighter's Convention (offer code: MFF) to get the negotiated rate of \$189 + taxes, per room night.**

To make room reservations call 1-877-888-2121 or visit the hotel website at www.mgmgranddetroit.com/hotel Enter the offer code: **MFF** in the box that says "Special Arrangements".

- ❖ **The deadline for hotel reservations is April, 11, 2010.**
- ❖ The MGM Grand Hotel is located at 1777 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226.

PROXY REGISTRATION

- ❖ Although all locals are encouraged to attend the Convention, locals may be represented, at the convention, by a proxy vote. **If your local will not be able to attend, contact the State Union office for a proxy registration form.**
- ❖ IF YOU WILL BE GIVING YOUR PROXY VOTES TO ANOTHER LOCAL, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE PROXY FORM AND FAX or MAIL IT TO THE STATE OFFICE POSTMARKED BY **APRIL 25, 2010.** PROXIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THEY ARE POSTMARKED or FAXED AFTER THAT DATE. There is no charge to register proxy delegates.
- ❖ A local can only carry the proxy votes from one local. The Chairman of a local delegation may cast the votes of any unregistered delegates the local was entitled to. Proxy votes may be cast for election of officers, convention site selection, and any roll call votes taken at the convention.

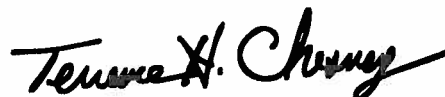
In closing, please feel free to call the State office or your District Vice President if you need any assistance completing the registration form, writing resolutions or have questions about any other convention related item.

Remember, it is your participation that will help make this a productive and successful convention. Please register to attend as soon as possible.

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