

**OAPFF Retiree Organization
2023-2024 Annual Membership Renewal**

Name: _____

Address: _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Local Union: _____ Email Address: _____

Retiree Dues: \$20 per year \$ _____ Mail to:
Survivor Spouse Associate Member Dues: \$10 per year \$ _____ 140. E Town St
Retiree or Survivor Spouse over 80: No Dues-Life Member \$ _____ Columbus, OH, OH 43215
Retired Active Member in Local Union: No Dues-paid by local \$ _____ Attn: Tom Rave
Additional Donation to Protect our Defined Benefit Pensions \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: OAPFF Retiree Organization



Fire Fighters Working for Fire Fighters



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FIRE FIGHTERS**

**RETIREE
ORGANIZATION**

**ANNUAL DUES
REMINDER**

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Professional Pension Representation
- Offices in the Pension Building
- Workers' Comp Attorney Network
- Representation on the OAPFF Board
- Coordination with Active Membership
- Ability to Monitor and Lobby Legislation that Affects Retirees
- Retiree Representation at OAPFF Conference
- Remaining Connected to the Union Movement
- Ability to Attend OAPFF Functions
- Participation in OAPFF Higher Learning Initiative, providing no cost college education to you and your family.



TOM RAVE
OAPFF, RETIREE VP
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It's been a busy year in Columbus. Last summer and fall the state legislature was considering legislation which would have made our Pension System secure for many years to come. I proudly had the opportunity to testify on behalf of this legislation. While we made progress, final passage was not achieved in the previous session. However, as a long time Fire Fighter advocate, I know that many legislative actions take time and patience and that is something that we have. The OAPFF Retiree Organization will not quit our efforts until legislation is passed by the General Assembly that makes our Pension System safe and secure for generations to come for all Ohio retired Fire Fighters. Dealing with legislators is a challenging and difficult task many times, but our Retiree organization of all fire fighters and fire fighter survivors, battling together, will keep working until the task is completed.

So please remember that we will never cease our efforts. History teaches us that progress comes to those that display patience and endurance.

On the federal level we had good news. In coordination with the IAFF, NCPERS, and others, SECURE ACT II was passed. This will allow our retirees more flexibility in paying for Health Care and using the \$3000.00 exclusion on their taxes. I was honored to do a Podcast on this subject with U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown.

With all the above said, the OAPFF Retiree Organization will continue our other activities concerning but not limited to Workers' Compensation, Cancer, and Heart Presumptive, and quality Health Care. We will continue to coordinate with other organizations like the Ohio AFL-CIO, IAFF, and NCPERS, to maximize our efforts.

So please join me and other Retired Fire Fighters and Fire Fighter survivors and renew or join for the first time the Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters Retiree Organization. Remember that this is the only organization that is made up of only retired Fire Fighters and their survivors. Please complete and return the form below and return it as soon as possible. DUES ARE ONLY \$20.00 PER YEAR

Tom Rave
OAPFF Retiree Vice President



ABOUT THE OAPFF

- State Chartered Affiliate with the IAFF
- Affiliated with the Ohio AFL-CIO and NCPERS
- Largest Organization Representing Fire Fighters in the State of Ohio
- Represents more than 23,000 retired and active professional fire fighters and survivors.
- Working for:
 - Defined Benefit Pension
 - Affordable Health Care
 - Protection of Rx Coverage
 - Disability Benefits
 - Protection of Survivor Benefits