



# OAPFF NEWS BRIEF

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## OAPFF Executive Board Endorses Paul Hufnagel for IAFF 8th District VP

Following Vincent Bollon's recent retirement, the IAFF Executive Board has taken action today ([www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)) and IAFF 8th District Vice President Thomas Miller has accepted the position of IAFF General Secretary/Treasurer. Beginning immediately, DVP Miller will assume his new role. The 8th District will now hold an election for a new Vice President.

The OAPFF Executive Board has voted to endorse Paul Hufnagel for 8th District Vice President. Since 1996, Paul has served as President of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union (MPFFU). After serving as an officer in Lansing IAFF Local 421 for nearly 20 years, Paul understands the goals of the local affiliate leader. By working his way up through the ranks ultimately to Battalion Chief, over his 27 year career, he knows the needs of the professional fire fighter as well.

The OAPFF Executive Board moved swiftly and decisively on its endorsement decision so, in the words of President Sanders, "OAPFF local affiliates would have a seamless transition in the leadership of the 8th District with no disruption in IAFF service. We have a great friend in Tommy Miller, now it is time to elect another strong advocate for our members..."

**Paul Hufnagel deserves our support and your vote!"**

As president of the MPFFU, Hufnagel worked with the IAFF to develop databases for use by local affiliates including wage and benefit comparisons. Paul was an integral member in revitalizing the IAFF / State and Provincial Committee. This has created meaningful committee work leading to the development of effective IAFF programs.

"Aside from being a true friend," OAPFF President Mark Sanders commented following the endorsement vote, "Paul is a passionate IAFF advocate and a trade unionist to his core. His capable leadership will maintain our high level of service from the IAFF. He will also provide excellent representation on the Executive Board, as we have come to expect." Hufnagel has served in various positions within the Michigan AFL-CIO including the Greater Lansing Labor Council President since 2000.

A tireless defender of Michigan's collective bargaining laws, Paul has defeated challenges and attacks that would have reduced fire fighters' right to bargain with their employers. Under his leadership, MPFFU has developed one of the premier State Association Educational Programs within the IAFF. As an IAFF District Field Service Representative, Hufnagel has assisted locals throughout the 8th District.

"I am very pleased that the OAPFF Executive Board has endorsed Paul," commented OAPFF Secretary Treasurer Mark Horton. "He is truly the best candidate for the OAPFF and the 8<sup>th</sup> District. Paul will emphasize the important relationship between the member locals, state associations, and the IAFF."

Pursuant to IAFF Constitution & By-Laws, a special district election will be held under the direction of IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger. In the near future, all local affiliate presidents should be receiving information from the IAFF regarding procedures for the IAFF 8<sup>th</sup> District special election. OAPFF District Vice Presidents will be working to coordinate a "get out and vote effort for Paul Hufnagel for 8<sup>th</sup> District VP."



**Paul Hufnagel-**  
OAPFF Endorsed Candidate for  
IAFF 8th District Vice President

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