

## Joint Memorandum from the Florida Fire Chiefs Association & Florida Professional Firefighters



## **Health & Safety Alert**

The Florida Fire Chiefs Association (FFCA) and the Florida Professional Firefighters (FPF) want to thank Florida's Fire Service for your unwavering commitment to the health and safety of all Floridians during the COVID-19 Pandemic. As the months wear on, we also want to remind our vital first responders to remain vigilant, diligent, and avoid complacency when it comes to your own safety and the health of those around you. We are beginning to see another increase in COVID-19 cases in the fire service and without the proper precautions, one firefighter can (and has) impacted an entire fire department's ability to respond.

The FFCA and FPF continue to support the recommendations of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) along with the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) and all of the other Federal agencies. These recommendations include:

- Utilizing proper PPE on ALL responses
- Wearing a mask or cloth face covering in the fire station AND off duty
- Cleaning and disinfecting work/living areas in fire stations EVERY DAY
- Practicing social distancing on AND off duty
- Avoiding large gatherings

We will continue to provide the latest and most appropriate information via the following links:

FFCA COVID-19 Resources

FPF COVID-19 Downloads Section

IAFC COVID-19 Resources

IAFF COVID-19 Resources

Florida Department of Health

This is no time to let our guard down, both on duty and off duty! The FFCA and FPF continues to be committed to protecting the health and safety of our firefighters and we ask that every agency and their members do the same.