
**UNIFORMED PROFESSIONAL *FIRE FIGHTERS* ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT
ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURE**

The UPFFA through the Legislative and Political Action Committee utilizes a comprehensive three-step process to properly screen all candidates that request our endorsement.

The First Step:

Any candidate that requests our endorsement must fill out our candidate questionnaire. This questionnaire is located on the public page of our website.

The Second Step:

Once the questionnaire is returned, the Legislative and Political Action Committee will review it. If any questions are vague or unanswered the Chairman of the Committee or a member of the committee designated by the Chairman will contact the candidate for additional answers or clarification. The candidate questionnaire will then be discussed. At times after the questionnaire has been reviewed, the President, Chairman of the Legislative and Political Action Committee, and the Director of Legislative Affairs will conduct an in-depth, interview with the prospective candidate. The information gathered from the interview will be given to the Legislative Committee to assist in their decision. A vote will be conducted by the committee, and then forwarded to the UPFFA Executive Board with a favorable or unfavorable recommendation for endorsement.

The Third Step:

The Committee Chairman shall present the recommendations to the Executive Board for action. Based upon the information presented, the Executive Board will recommend any endorsement to the Delegates of the UPFFA at the next scheduled meeting where they shall be voted on for endorsement.

We also recommend the following procedure for endorsements working together on the local, state and national levels:

Locals: All Municipal Elected Officials

State Association: All candidates for State Wide Office

IAFF: All candidates for National Office

**ALL CANDIDATES FOR ENDORSEMENT ARE VOTED ON BY THE DELEGATES, THE
UPPFA DOES NOT TAKE ACTION UNLESS DIRECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP**