

Alan "AJ" Johnson for PFFM Trustee

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Professional Summary

I, Alan "AJ" Johnson, served 5 years active-duty United States Air Force as a Firefighter. I then went on to serve 26 years as a civilian firefighter for various Locals, being involved in the inner workings of those Locals. I have attended more than 10 PFFM/IAFF conventions combined, having served both as a delegate and a guest when Local funding was not available. During my time with each Local in which I have served, I have seen and been presented with challenges that include 72+ hour work weeks, understaffing, increased need for EMS resources both ALS and BLS, recruiting and retention problems which gives me the opportunity to relate to the current issues many of our Locals are facing today.

Employment History

Member of Melrose Firefighters IAFF Local 1617 from 2007 – present

Served as President of Local 1617 2016-2018

Member of Gardner Firefighters IAFF Local 2215 from 2005 – 2007

Served as Vice President of Local 2215 2006 – 2007

Member of Hanscom Firefighters Local F78 from 2000 – 2005

Served as Vice President of Local F78 2002-2004

Member of Yuma Proving Ground Local F142 from 1999 – 2000

Served as Shop Steward for Local F142 1999-2000

Roles within Melrose Local 1617

E Board member for 5+ years

Mutual concerns committee member

Promoted to Lieutenant in 2010

Hiring Committee for 5+ years

Melrose FD aims to hire ALS trained personnel; this process has become increasingly more competitive and extraordinarily difficult to achieve this goal.

Education

Associates Degree in Fire Science

Mount Wachusett Community College- Gardner, MA

High School Diploma, Harwich High School, Harwich, MA

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