



# International Association of Firefighters

## Submarine Base Firefighters Local F-219



### SUBMARINE BASE FD FAILURE IMMINENT – REQUEST YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPPORT

Representative Courtney,

I am writing to you urgently requesting that you take immediate action in the protection of the Submarine Base NLON community. Your long-standing support of the men and women who proudly serve the United States Navy, our homeported Submarines, the DOD civilian employees, and all their families require your **IMMEDIATE** attention.

We have received information from the Secretary of Defense, CNIC, and OPM of actions for termination of **ALL** probationary employees. This may even include management positions for supervisors who have been promoted within the last year regardless of their years of service. To say this action would have detrimental effects on our ability to effectively protect the installation, all of its personnel, and 16 homeported submarines would be an immense understatement. We are currently required via CNIC Instruction to maintain staffing of 17 firefighting personnel. Unfortunately, due to the inability for proper funding we have been forced to reduce our daily manning to 14 firefighters per shift which is in direct violation of Navy instruction and NDAA. If the termination of probationary employees is executed, the department will be brought to its knees, left incapable of providing emergency services with daily staffing at less than 8 members at best. Essential fire apparatus and personnel needed for adequate protection of life and property will no longer be an option. This would inevitably force the closure of multiple fire companies at Submarine Base Fire Department and result in the loss of emergency operations and capability for the Base, housing community, and all of our mutual aid partners who depend on us daily.

We are calling on you at this time of need as a long-standing supporter of the installation and the firefighters who serve it. Immediate action **must be taken** with Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, CNIC, and other Departments of the Navy, above the Installation level to preserve our ability to adequately protect our mission.

Representative Courtney, the inability to act on this matter most certainly can be the difference of life or death for someone on or near Submarine Base New London. We need your support today in a way we have never needed it before. We know your voice of reason and your long-standing relationships in the Department of Defense will help us move towards calm seas.

Sincerely,

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