

NOFF Endorsement Policy

2006

1. For each election cycle, a schedule for endorsements shall be established by the NOFF Executive Board. This schedule will be reported to each local in a timely manner.
2. A NOFF questionnaire shall be made available to all candidates for the office to be considered for endorsement.
3. Candidates for endorsement shall submit a completed NOFF questionnaire to be considered for endorsement.
4. Screening interviews may be scheduled to judge the qualifications of each candidate.
5. NOFF locals will be invited to submit written recommendations for endorsements to elected offices within their municipality. For elected offices that cover multiple municipalities, each local will be invited to submit their written recommendation. The recommendation(s) by the local(s) will carry significant weight with the Board, but the Board may recommend endorsement based on other factors.
6. Factors to be considered:
 - Responses on target issues; voting record; leadership position; past active support; prior experience; other support; ability to conduct a viable campaign; chances of winning; incumbency; other matters considered to be relevant.
7. All endorsements will be made by the NOFF Executive Board, subject to the approval by the delegates at a quarterly meeting.
8. The approval of the delegates of an endorsement recommended by the Executive Board will be expressed by a simple majority.
9. Endorsement of a candidate not recommended by the Executive Board must be expressed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.
10. Only elected offices in compliance with the federal court settlement shall be considered for endorsement. (NOFF cannot endorse candidates for Governor; Attorney General; State Auditor; Secretary of State; State Treasurer.)
11. Individual IAFF locals that have membership in NOFF may provide their local endorsement to any candidate.

Our philosophy is to support our friends--regardless of party--and chart an aggressive legislative agenda to move the issues affecting firefighters forward.