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## **Washington State Council of Fire Fighters Endorses Reichert**

*Mercer Island, WA* – In his second major statewide endorsement in a week, Eighth District US Representative Dave Reichert's campaign today announced support for his reelection by the 6,900 member Washington State Council of Fire Fighters (WSCFF). The WSCFF nod follows last week's Reichert endorsement by WACOPS, the Washington State Council of Police and Sheriffs.

"After 30 years as a cop, I have tremendous respect for the bravery and sacrifice of first responders," said Reichert. "The attacks of Sept 11th are a constant reminder of the danger our nation's fire fighters and all first responders face when protecting our safety. I'm honored by this endorsement and I'm grateful to the men and women fire fighters of Washington State for their service to our communities, for their compassion and for their willingness to put the lives of others ahead of their own."

WSCFF President and Olympia Fire Department lieutenant, Kelly Fox commented on the endorsement. "Washington State's fire fighters are lucky to have Dave Reichert speaking for us in Washington D.C. He knows from experience what being on the front line means and he takes the time to listen to our concerns. Reichert even sought advice from first responders when drafting his recent House Bill to reorganize FEMA."

Founded in 1939, the WSCFF currently represents 130 local fire fighter unions affiliated with the IAFF, International Association of Fire Fighters.

Incumbent US Representative Dave Reichert, former King County Sheriff, was elected to Congress in 2004. Reichert is Chairman of the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology, which oversees coordination between federal, state, and local first responders, emergency response and preparedness, and research into new technologies to combat terrorism. He is one of only six freshmen Congressmen in US history to be appointed as Chairman of a House subcommittee. Reichert is currently seeking reelection to Washington State's Eight District Congressional seat.

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