



## Union Merger with Local 2928 Exploratory Process

In March, members of the Union executive board visited Congressmen Mast, Congresswomen Frankel and Cherfilus-McCormick in D.C. to **request support for SAFER grant approval for 15 additional firefighters and early medicare at age 50 for firefighters.**

During this visit we sat down with Palm Beach County union Local 2928 to discuss a Minimum Staffing ballot initiative and the resources Local 2928 can assist us with. Local 2928 offered suggestions on how to reach a merger agreement instead, as all options would require significant resources. Knowing that 90% of our members would be in support of this, we took steps gather further information.

We discussed with Local 2928 how this would affect our members and citizens. **Local 2928 communicated that in order to access this assistance we would need to receive their members support and be part of their union.**

Then, as an executive board we discussed this move and decided unanimously to move forward with gathering information and exploring the possible benefits, pros, and cons of a consolidation of the Local Union memberships.

**In every major decision brought before the executive board we use the same process:** Discuss, gather information, assess the information, present to membership and then offer a vote if there is favorability. This decision is no different than any major change we have dealt with in the past 5 years.

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