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ASSEMBLYMAN PROMOTES DISPLACED LOCAL FIREFIGHTER HIRING LIST

Assemblyman **Steve Samuelian** (R-Clovis) has introduced AB 1929, a measure sponsored by the CPF.

Existing law enables firefighters who are employed by the federal government, but displaced as a result of military base closures, to be placed on a hiring list administered by the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program, which prospective fire departments may utilize for their employment needs. AB 1929 would expand existing law to allow the Program to include in its hiring list any displaced local government firefighter who has been laid-off. It would further grant interested fire departments the ability to extend hiring consideration to displaced local fire service personnel in the same manner they are able to extend hiring consideration under current law to displaced federal firefighters.



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The California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program is an apprenticeship-training program encompassing nearly all paid occupations found in the California fire service. It is a "joint" fire service apprenticeship-training program because both management and employees support it - a partnership that has helped create an equal balance benefiting California fire departments, firefighters and, ultimately, the communities they serve. The Program is co-sponsored by the Office of the California State Fire Marshal.

The Program's hiring list has allowed fire departments to save time, as well as money with regard to the hiring process. It also has given federal firefighters the ability to continue working in their chosen fire service career. A problem arises, however, with respect to the displacement of a local government firefighter, who, for example, is laid-off as a result of local budget constraints. Under current law, a local government firefighter is not eligible for placement on the hiring list administered by the Program. AB 1929 would remedy this problem.