



CAL FIRE LOCAL 2881

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NEW RETIRED MEMBER BENEFIT

August 30, 2021

Dear Retired Member:

We are very excited to announce CAL FIRE Local 2881 has finalized an agreement through our affiliation with PORAC that now allows ALL CAL FIRE Local 2881 retired members to join PORAC as a retired active member (RAM).

What does that mean for our retirees?

- Once enrolled as a PORAC RAM member, you will have access to the PORAC RAM benefits including several insurance plans. Also, you will be able to enroll in the PORAC health plan offered through CalPERS. A key benefit in the PORAC Health Plan is a full body screening every 3 years. This is a significant benefit opportunity for your health covered by the health plan.

This benefit is available to CAL FIRE Local 2881 Active and Retired Members in good standing only.

If you are interested in becoming a RAM member:

- **Return the attached form** to our membership coordinator, Danielle Kelsch, at the address below or to dkelsch@L2881.org and she will send you details regarding PORAC RAM enrollment.
- **This benefit is available NOW.**
- Open enrollment is September 20 through October 15, 2021. Changes made during the open enrollment period become effective January 1, 2022.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- ***Why do I have to go through CAL FIRE Local 2881?:*** RAM status in PORAC is a member only benefit between PORAC and CAL FIRE Local 2881.
- ***What if I am retiring at the end of 2021?:*** Because you are currently ACTIVE and are enrolled as an ACTIVE PORAC member, you will still be eligible to maintain membership in PORAC as a RAM. If you wish to enroll in the PORAC health plan upon retirement, designate that health plan in the CalPERS retirement application. Please contact the Union Headquarters for more information on this.
- ***Does filling out the PORAC RAM information automatically enroll me into the PORAC Health Benefits Plan?:*** No. You must enroll during open enrollment (September 20 through October 15, 2021). Other life-events may affect when you may enroll or change health plans. It is best to check with CalPERS for more information regarding when you may change health plans.
- ***Do I have to use the PORAC Health Benefits?:*** No, you have choices for your health plans through CalPERS. This is an added option. Go to www.mycalpers.ca.gov for your individual options.

Please call union headquarters if you have any questions regarding this new benefit.

Stay the course,

Tim Edwards
President

In solidarity,

Ray Sood
State Retiree Director





CAL FIRE Local 2881 Retired Members

PORAC RAM MEMBERSHIP

CAL FIRE Local 2881 is enhancing the benefits provided to our retired members by providing access to PORAC Retired Active Membership (RAM) benefits including the PORAC Health Plans offered to retired members as an option through CalPERS.

Time is of the essence if you wish to make changes during open enrollment this year. Please complete & return this form to Union Headquarters ASAP. All retired members in good standing may now join.

Retired Member Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Mobile Phone Number:** _____

Email Address: _____



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