

STATE OF WASHINGTON
BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the matter of the petition of:

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 1805

For clarification of an existing bargaining unit
of employees of:

NORTH COUNTRY EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICE

CASE 133266-C-20

DECISION 13297 - PECB

ORDER AMENDING CERTIFICATION

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International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1805.*

Shaun Ford, Fire Chief, for the North Country Emergency Medical Service.

On December 30, 2020, the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 452 (Local 452) and International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1805 (Local 1805) filed a unit clarification petition requesting to amend an existing bargaining unit certification to reflect the exclusive bargaining representative's merger and name change of Local 452 and Local 1805. The request is granted.

Local 1805 represents advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics at North Country Emergency Medical Service. *North Country Emergency Medical Service, Decision 12625-A (PECB, 2016)*. Recently Local 452 and Local 1805 have agreed to merge and change the bargaining representative's name from Local 1805 to Local 452.

A party may file a petition to amend an existing certification. The Executive Director may amend the certification if the purpose of the amendment is to reflect a name change of the labor organization, the bargaining unit is not affected by the change, and there are no questions concerning representation. WAC 391-35-085. The union's petition merely seeks to amend the

existing certification to accurately reflect the change of name. The bargaining unit's composition has not been altered, and the petition does not include a question concerning representation.

ORDER

1. The bargaining unit was certified in *North Country Emergency Medical Service*, Decision 12625-A (PECB, 2016) and is described as:

All full-time and regular part-time advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics as defined by RCW 18.71.200 employed by North Country Emergency Medical Service, excluding supervisors, confidential employees, and all other employees.

The certification is amended to reflect that the certified bargaining representative has changed its name to the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 452.

The amendment to the certification issued in this proceeding does not give rise to a new "certification bar" year under RCW 41.56.070 or WAC 391-25-030(2).

ISSUED at Olympia, Washington, this 26th day of January, 2021.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION



MICHAEL P. SELLARS, Executive Director

This order will be the final order of the agency unless a notice of appeal is filed with the Commission under WAC 391-35-210.



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DECISION 13297 - PECB has been served by mail and electronically by the Public Employment Relations Commission to the parties and their representatives listed below.

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