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*The World Police and Fire Games Welcome New Competitors  
With Updated Eligibility Rules*

**SAN DIEGO – November 15, 2022:** The World Police and Fire Games Federation is thrilled to announce that the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) has expanded its eligibility rules to allow for additional non-sworn public safety personnel to now compete in the Games.

The World Police and Fire Games Federation (WPFG) has expanded its eligibility rules to allow for a number of non-sworn public safety positions to now compete in the Games.

Historically, the Games have been open to full-time, sworn police officers, firefighters, and corrections officers. However, the new eligibility rules now enable reserve law enforcement officers/ peace officers/ firefighter, EMT/paramedics, volunteer firefighters, 9-1-1 dispatchers, detention-custodial officers, crime scene investigators (fire and police), deputy fire marshals and lifeguards. All non-sworn personnel must be active or retired from an eligible agency in order to participate.

“Past competitors have found the Games to be an amazing experience, either because of their passion for a particular sport, the impact of the Opening Ceremony, or their interaction with colleagues from around the world,” said WPFG Federation President Larry Collins. “We are excited to welcome even more public safety heroes to compete in the Games. We salute them for putting their lives on the line every day so that all of us can feel safer in our homes and businesses.”

WPFG is a biennial sporting event offering a variety of high-caliber sports to brave public servants on a global scale. Governed by the WPFG Federation, the Games provide a unique appeal to first responders by offering Olympic-style competition, world-class venues, top-notch officiating, and an unrivaled opportunity for camaraderie.

The new eligibility rule allows the Games to unite the professional and volunteer services as one. The Games offer a unique occasion to recognize and celebrate those who protect the public. Many sporting events are open to the public at no cost, enabling the community to experience public safety officers in a more casual setting.



For more information on eligibility and the World Police and Fire Games, visit the WPFGB home page at: <https://cpaf.org/wpfg/>

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The World Police & Fire Games is one of five events that the California Police Athletic Federation presents: US Police & Fire Championships (San Diego, CA), First Responders Relay (Las Vegas, NV), Women's Pistol Event (San Diego, CA), and the new North American Fall Classic (Mesa, AZ), which will debut in November 2023. To learn more about the California Police Athletic Federation and its games, please visit [www.cpaf.org](http://www.cpaf.org)

**About the California Police Athletic Federation**

The California Police Athletic Federation (CPAF), a non-profit organization established in 1970, is the governing body for the United States Police & Fire Championships, the World Police & Fire Games, First Responders Relay, Women's Pistol Event and the North American Fall Classic. The mission of CPAF is to promote sport and physical fitness among personnel representing law enforcement, fire, corrections, probation, border protection, immigration, and customs. For more information, please visit [www.cpaf.org](http://www.cpaf.org)