

## **IAFF Continues Boycott of all Staples Stores**

**Since July 14, 2014, the IAFF has stopped doing business with, and will continue to boycott, Staples until further notice. The IAFF has joined the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) and the AFL-CIO's boycott of all Staples stores. The Executive Board voted unanimously to pass the following motion:**

*"The International Association of Fire Fighters joins the American Postal Workers Union and the AFL-CIO in urging all our members, friends and family not to shop at Staples stores, and to spread the boycott widely. The IAFF supports the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) in its efforts to protect good-paying jobs and its insistence on the highest possible standards of customer service.*

*The IAFF will urge our members, friends and family members to no longer shop at Staples stores until further notice. This boycott will be communicated immediately to all IAFF affiliates."*

**Below is the story which has been posted on the IAFF website:**

IAFF stands with APWU to Boycott Staples. The IAFF is urging members, friends and family to no longer shop at Staples stores.

Staples and the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) have entered into an agreement that jeopardizes your mail service and your local post office by replacing full-service U.S. Post Offices with knock-off post offices in Staples stores that are not staffed with U.S. Postal Service employees.

The Staples deal is bad for consumers who will pay the same for less service. What's more, if Staples and the USPS move forward with this deal, it could lead to the end of the Postal Service as we know it.

In the meantime, the Staples deal is replacing good-paying jobs that communities depend on with low-wage jobs that hurt our economy.

The IAFF Executive Board has voted unanimously to endorse and join the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) and the AFL-CIO in boycotting Staples stores.

"The IAFF supports the APWU in its efforts to protect good-paying jobs and ensure the highest possible standards of customer service," says IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger. "IAFF affiliates, members and families have done a substantial amount of business at Staples. This no-bid contract between Staples and the USPS is an attack on postal workers and middle class jobs, and yet another attempt to shift good union jobs to part-time, low-wage non-union hourly workers."

For more information on the boycott please go to: <http://www.apwu.org/issues/stop-staples>