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## IAFF Congratulates Mesa Local Members' Strong Showing In Ironman Triathlon

May 18, 2005 - Members of Mesa, AZ Local 2260 competed in and finished the inaugural Arizona Ironman Triathlon April 9 in Tempe, Arizona. Jerry Schirmer, Bill Daniel and Paul Bourgeois completed the grueling race comprised of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run. The Arizona event is one of only five Ironmans held in the United States.



The three fire fighters joined more than 1,800 other athletes hoping to cross the finish line in under 17 hours, including former Mesa Vice-Mayor John Giles who has worked with Local 2260 as its "meet and discuss" champion. Daniel completed the course in 11 hours, 5 minutes, followed by Bourgeois in 13 hours and 40 minutes and Schirmer in 14 hours and 40 minutes.

