

Local Firefighters Union Not Relieved About Exemption

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Just because firefighters aren't the focus of a budget repair bill right now, doesn't mean they don't have their turn coming, says La Crosse firefighters union president, Jeff Murphy. That's why his guys have been protesting this month in Madison alongside teachers, nurses, prison guards and others. Murphy says the attack on unions has been presented disingenuously by governor Walker. Murphy says, if the governor wants to end collective bargains and kill the unions, announce that and don't try to 'fool' voters into thinking the move will save tax dollars.

Murphy says, when governor announces huge cuts in shared revenue in the state, cities like La Crosse will have no choice but to make major reductions in police and fire protection.