



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS
FEDERAL and MILITARY FIRE SERVICE SECTION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
SAN ANTONIO, TX. AUGUST 17, 2016
HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER

Board Members Present:

Chief Fletcher Dahman, Chair
Fire Chief A.J. Gilgallon, US Army Representative
Chief Jonathan Mattingly, At Large Rep
Gary Brouse, IAFC Staff Liaison

Annual Meeting Call to Order: Chief Dahman called the meeting to order at 1500 hours EST.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chief Dahman

Any Request to Revise the Published Agenda: None

Program and/or Presentation(s) from Guest and/or members:

Fire Chief (Ret.) Luther L. Fincher Jr., IAFC Metro Chiefs Section, spoke to the members of the importance of the section and his support for the section.

Ms V. Lee, FirstNet representative provided an update on their national communications project

Mr . Ken LaSala, Director IAFC Government Relations addressed the membership. Mr LaSala brought the members up to speed on projects being worked by IAFC for the Federal Military Section.

Financial Report: IAFC Statement of Activities for seven months ending 30 July 2014 for Federal Military Fire Service Section.

Carry over balance of prior year 2015:	\$ 25, 838
Income:	\$ 1,560
Expenses:	\$ 260
Net Asset Balance:	\$ 27,138

Motion: Approve the Financial report as presented.

Moved: Fire Chief Dahman

Second: Fire Chief Gilgallon

Motion: Passed

Reports from Officers:

Army: (Chief Gilgallon)

- Army Scope of service will be coming out shortly. Army is currently staffing at 72%. AMC and IMCOM have monthly phone conferences with Chief Staub.
- Army is currently refurbing apparatus from 1995 and newer to help the Army until it is able to start to replace apparatus. This will be occurring at Red River.
- As of the last phone conversation, the DoDI 6055.6 should be out by December.
- Currently no issues with hiring in the Army section.
- Transport ambulance service is going to be going back under Med-Com eliminating fire fighters within the Army to perform transport services. F&ES will be providing QRS.
- The Army's PD are currently being reviewed and streamlined to eliminate having so many in the system. No definitive time on when this will occur.

Navy: (Mr. Brockman)

- Navy facing challenges with bringing in new hires to fill staffing shortages. To compensate for this they are going to a temporary overhire status.

At Large: (Chief Mattingly)

- In terms of At Large agencies, there has been little movement in the area of recruitment. Commerce and FEMA have departments, but neither has expressed interest as of yet. The VA has been out of touch since the DOD conference stopped.
- NIH/HHS, budgets are still flat, but not looking at any cuts.
- NIH is expanding its department to our facility in Hamilton Montana, with an Emergency Management Specialist.
- NIH will be procuring a new engine and ambulance this year.

Committee Reports:

Election/Nomination Report: IAFC Staff Liaison Gary Brouse presented the process for nomination and election following guidelines establish in section By-Laws. Reported all candidates nominated met requirements.

Election Results:

Defense Logistics Agency: Chief Don Rogers– Unopposed
US Navy: Chief Paul Murray – Unopposed
US Marine Corps: No Nominees
US Coast Guard: No Nominees

BUSINESS AGENDA:

Legislative Report: IAFC Director of Government Relations Mr Ken LaSala briefed the membership on the following:

- Chief Brouse and Mr LaSala met with the House Armed Services Committee, the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Committee and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform last year on the following issues

- The use of Government Purchase Card (GPC) to procure rehab food and liquids for firefighters on expanded incidents. Committees recommended a letter sent to the Comptroller General from the DoD Fire and Emergency Services Working Group for an official ruling prior to legislative action being pursued.
- The use of federal fire apparatus to attend an emergency responder funeral; Working with SECDEF to get clarification across the board.

GOOD OF SECTION:

Chief Brouse spoke to the membership on the importance of the Section being the voice of the Federal - Military Chief Officer and the need to recruit new members.

The Section is looking for interested members to serve on the Board for vacancies in Federal Wildland, U.S. Coast Guard, and U. S. Marines Representative.

NEXT ANNUAL SECTION MEETING: Next annual meeting will be scheduled during the week of July 26-29, 2017, and will be held Charlotte, NC.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 1700 hrs.

Minutes submitted by:



Mr. Gary Brouse
IAFC Staff Liaison
Federal Military Section