



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

## Resolution 2016-1\*

**Resolution Title:** The Rules of Engagement for Firefighter Survival and the Incident Commanders Rules of Engagement for Firefighter Safety

**Resolution Description:** To promote the adoption of the Rules of Engagement developed by the IAFC Safety, Health and Survival Section as a recommended best practice model which fire departments can adopt and apply to enhance fire ground safety.

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**WHEREAS**, the fire service continues to experience unacceptable firefighter fatalities and significant injuries at structure fires, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Safety, Health and Survival Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs has developed Rules of Engagement for Firefighter Survival and the Incident Commanders Rules of Engagement for Firefighter Safety, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Rules of Engagement are intended to improve fire ground risk assessment by both the firefighter and the incident commander and the command team, and,

**WHEREAS**, the application of the Rules of Engagement on the fire ground will reduce firefighter fatalities and injuries, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Rules of Engagement were developed with participation of numerous national fire service organizations, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Safety, Health and Survival Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs has adopted the Rules of Engagement as a recommended best practice model for fire departments to adopt and apply to enhance fire ground safety,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the IAFC henceforth has adopted the Rules of Engagement developed by the SHS Section as a recommended best practice model.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT: None**

*Recommendations:*

**IAFC CBR Committee:** Support  
**IAFC Board of Directors:** Support

*Action:*

**IAFC Membership:**  
**Date:** August 18, 2016  
**Location:** San Antonio, Texas

*Future Action:*

Review for sunset in 3 years. Expiration Date: FRI 2019

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