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## Federal & Military Fire Services Section Annual Meeting Telecon 19 October 2023

### Participants:

#### *Fed/Mil Board Members Present:*

Chief Todd Canale, Air Force, Chair  
Chief Justin Deemer, Navy, Vice Chair  
Chief Shane Crutcher, Federal Wildland Service (NPS)  
Chief Barry Shughart, Marine Corp  
Chief Julian Crolet, Army  
Chief Robert Kerchief, Air Force  
Chief Matthew Goldstein, Coast Guard

#### *Fed/Mil Board Members Not Present:*

Chief Jon Davis, At-Large NASA

#### *IAFC Guests/Staff:*

Chief John Butler, IAFC President and Chair of the Board  
Mr. Kevin McGee, IAFC Liaison  
Mr. Ken LaSala, Director, IAFC Government Relations and Policy

### Call to Order

Chief Canale chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 13:05 hrs CT.

### Approval of 16 August 2023 Minutes

Chief Todd Canale, Chair

#### **MOTION: 19 October 2023-01**

**Motion made and seconded to approve the 16, August 2023 Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

**Crutcher/Shughart**

### Treasurer's Report

Chief Justin Deemer

Chief Deemer presented the latest Section financial report for July 2023. Revenue for the month of June was \$1222 and net assets on 31 July was \$45,766.

**MOTION: 19 October 2023-01**

**Motion made and seconded to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.**

**Deemer/Crolet**

### **Chair Report**

Chief Todd Canale

Chief Canale welcomed guests and Board members. He informed the Board that Chief Cox had stepped down from his Airforce representation Board position.

Chief Canale introduced Chief Matt Goldstein who seeks to fill the vacant Coast Guard position on the Board.

**MOTION: 19 October 2023-02**

**Motion made and seconded to appoint Chief Matthew Goldstein to the vacant Coast Guard position on the Board for the remainder of the term. Motion carried.**

**Crolet/Deemer**

Chief Canale introduced Chief Robert Kerchief who seeks to fill the vacant Airforce position on the Board.

**MOTION: 19 October 2023-03**

**Motion made and seconded to appoint Chief Robert Kerchief to the vacant Airforce position on the Board for the remainder of the term. Motion carried.**

**Crolet/Deemer**

With the appointments of Chief Goldstein and Chief Kerchief, the Board has completed its Strategic Plan goal to fill all Board positions.

### **Administration of the Oath**

Presided by Chief John Butler

Chief Butler presided as Chief Matthew Goldstein and Chief Robert Kerchief took their oath of office.

### **Vice Chair Report**

No Vice Chair Report

### **Committee Reports**

No Committee reports.

## Business Agenda

Mr. Ken LaSala provided a legislative update on the National Cancer Screening program. He reported on the status of the FY24 National Defense Authorization Act. Mr. LaSala informed the Board on NFA 1582 medical testing for civilian federal firefighters. Unfortunately, the House blocked the reauthorization of the Firefighters Cancer Registry at the CDC. The Senate blocked the Firefighters Cancer Detection and Prevention Act, SAFER/AFG Reauthorization Act, and mandatory PFAS training for occupational health physicians to counsel patients, including firefighters on PFAS levels in blood.

Chief Deemer reported that the Navy announced that some bases are approved for increased firefighter staffing.

Chief Crolet reported that the Army is standing by for 388.

Chief Kerchief reported that Public Law No: 117-263, Pages 347-349, Section 388 came out. New requirement for staffing on responding firefighting vehicles and management of inherent risk presented in Air Force mission execution. FY23, NDAA SECTION 388 NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL FIRE PROTECTION AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, Part a.

- (a) STANDARDS REQUIRED. – Beginning not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that –
  - (1) Members of the Armed Forces and employees of Defense Agencies who provide fire protection services to military installations comply with the national consensus standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association.
  - (2) The minimum staffing requirement for any firefighting vehicle responding to a structural building emergency at a military installation is not less than four firefighters per vehicle, and
  - (3) The minimum staffing requirement for any firefighting vehicle responding to an aircraft or airfield incident at a military installation is not less than three firefighters per vehicle.

Chief Crutcher informed the Board that the National Forest Service and National Park Service are addressing firefighter compensation that will require an increased operating budget. He is anticipating Direct Hiring Authority to be approved for National Parks Service. Chief Crutcher reported that this year has been a relatively quiet wildfire season.

Chief Shugart reported that the Marine Corp is one month into its implemented revised Record Management System.

**Old Business**

No Old Business

**New Business**

No New Business

**Selection of Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled Board telecon meeting will be held on 18 January 2024, 1300 ET.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 13:55 hours ET.