



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS
FEDERAL and MILITARY FIRE SERVICE SECTION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
ATLANTA, GA. AUGUST 7, 2019
GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER

Board Members Present:

Fire Chief Fletcher Dahman, Chair
Fire Chief A.J. Gilgallon, US Army Representative
Fire Chief Todd Canale, Air Force Rep
Fire Chief Paul Murray, Navy Rep
Gary Brouse, IAFC Staff Liaison

IAFC Guests:

Chief Roy Robichaux, Southwestern Division
Chief Otto Drozd, 2nd V.P.
Chief Richard Miller, IAFC Haz Mat Committee Liaison
Ms Brandon Allen, IAFC Government Relations

Unable to attend:

Fire Chief Jonathan Mattingly, Vice Chair & At Large Rep
Fire Chief Burroughs, US Marine Corps Rep
Fire Chief Don Rodgers, DLA Rep
USCG- Vacant
Federal Wildland- Vacant

Annual Meeting Call to Order: Chief Dahman called the meeting to order at 1310 hours EST. Chief Dahman introduced the Board and welcome the many visitors in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chief Dahman.

Any Request to Revise the Published Agenda: None requested.

Financial Report: IAFC Statement of Activities for seven months ending July 2019 for Federal Military Fire Service Section.

Carry Over 2018	\$ 30,593.00
<u>Income</u>	
Section Dues	\$ 1,575.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
Election	\$ (100.00)
Balance	\$ 32,068.00

Motion: Approve the Financial report as presented.

Moved: Fire Chief Murray

Second: Fire Chief Canale

Motion: Passed

Reports from Officers:

Navy (Chief Murray):

- Upcoming budget;
 - Naval Reserve side to be well funded
 - Active Duty; Will remain basically the same
- Discussion to put non labor funds with labor funds
- Cancer initiative to buy two sets of gear for ea. FF
 - Do away with proximity gear and rely on one set
 - Will depend on mission
- Foam (PFOS/PFOA)
 - Most trucks have been switched out from C8 to C6
 - Ground Water Sampling being done Navy wide

Army (Chief Gilgallon):

- Staffing to 71%
 - Reduce overtime
 - Can go below 71% for no more than 72 hrs without Commander signing off
- Refurbing apparatus versus new procurement
- AMC going under IMCOM; mtg tomorrow to discuss transition
 - Under current alignment funding has been good; not sure what lies in future under different command.

Air Force (Chief Canale):

- Transitioning to OCP
- AFFF; vehicles and facilities have been switched out from C8 to C6
- Budget Tyndall and Offutt took major hits on installation
- Human Capital;
 - Standardizing standard core position descriptions, may include educational and credentialing as highly desirable
- Many bases are operating at a reduced level of service;
 - USAF assuming risk due to deployments;
 - More reliance on mutual aid
- USAF moving back to IAFC FRI
- Govt will pay for CPSE credentialing, looking to add credentials to AF COOL

Committee Reports:

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

Results:

- Chair – Chief Todd Canale, USAF
- US Army representative – Chief Albert Gilgallon - unopposed
- At-Large representative – Chief Jonathan Mattingly- unopposed
- US Air Force – Vacant (Moved to Chair)
- Federal Wildland - Vacant

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

- Chief Drozd swore in Chief Canale (Chair) and Chief Gilgallon (Army)
- FirstNET – The Authority – The Federal Agency (Not the same as AT&T FirstNET)
 - 2012-2016 went to all states to establish a broadband communications network nationwide; All States and Territories opted in.
 - AT&T was selected. AT&T will build network and allow their use of broadband network along with band 14 (30 mhz)
 - FirstNET has its own network separate from AT&T commercial
 - Priority and pre-emption for firefighters
 - Free of charge satellite if needed
 - LMR to LTE integration being worked. Radio>Phone

Business Agenda:

Government Relations

- Brandon Allen, Manager, IAFC Government Relations
 - Gave update on PFOS/PFOA legislation; NDAA
 - Senate/House conferencing
 - Senate Bill
 - DoD no longer procure after Oct 2022
 - OSD would be required to do blood testing starting in 2020
 - House Bill
 - USN to come up with new agent by 2025
 - Stop using PFAS by 2029
 - Stop use of AFFF for training
 - Blood testing same as Senate
 - POTUS indicated has some issues with House Bill
 - Concerned about the funding
 - IAFC endorsed bill to encourage FEMA to work with IAFC
 - PFAS landing page on IAFC; Topic and Tools

- HR 639; Clarifying that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include Federal employees.;
 - Was signed and headed for POTUS signature
 - IAFC and Fed Mil were major players in spearheading this effort
- Discussion
 - Fed Mil Board members asked Ms. Allen on the following:
 - How will retired firefighters be tested tracked?
 - A new bill would have to be introduced to ensure their coverage
 - Fed Mil Board requested the IAFC to monitor the following bills
 - Presumptive Disability
 - Firefighter FAIR Act
 - Firefighter Pay Parity

Good of the Section:

- Army members in attendance requested more involvement by Board on Army Telcons.
- Chief Canale, incoming Chair and Gary Brouse, IAFC Fed Mil Liaison thanked Chief Dahman for his years of service and dedication to the Section and presented him with an award.

NEXT ANNUAL SECTION MEETING: Next annual meeting will be scheduled during the week of Aug 19-22, 2020 and will be held in Phoenix, Az.

ADJOURN:

Motion by: Chief Murray

Second by: Chief Canale

Motion: Passed - Meeting adjourned at 1400 hrs.

Minutes submitted by:



Mr. Gary Brouse
IAFC Staff Liaison
Federal Military Section