

Michael O'Brian, Candidate International Association of Fire Chiefs, Second Vice President 2022

Profile

Michael O'Brian is the Fire Chief for the Brighton Area Fire Authority (BAFA) in Brighton Michigan. BAFA is a full service emergency service which serves a 72 square mile region, with five fire stations and 89 personnel. The combination department utilizes staff to provide on-duty coverage as well as paid on call staff.

Chief OBrian is a 26 year veteran of the fire service, with a demonstrated history of leadership based on a passion in operations, firefighter fitness and community risk reduction. Chief OBrian has served locally, in the State of Michigan and currently is a member of the Board of Directors representing the Fire and Life Safety Section of the IAFC. He is known for merging operations and community risk reduction to ultimately aid in their response delivery.

Chief O'Brian's leadership history includes but not limited to:

- Board Member, International Association of Fire Chiefs
- Board Member, Fire and Life Safety Section of the IAFC
- Chair, International Code Council Fire Code Action Committee
- Vice President-Michigan- Mutual Aid Box Alarm Association
- Past President, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
- Recipient of Robert W. Gain Fire Prevention Leadership Award

Chief Michael O'Brian is known for building collaborative teams with varying interests and a basis of clear communication. By involving multiple stakeholders many associations have been able to meet their goals, and capitalize on the strength of their membership

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Platform:

Lead the Fire Service of the Future

The IAFC is well known as the leaders of the fire service. Our membership is the tip of the spear in addressing today's challenges affecting our leadership. From recruitment, retention, emergency response to community risk reduction, the IAFC must continue to provide leadership in these arenas utilizing our expertise to tackle emergency issues collectively.

We are poised to develop open communication with key stakeholders and members.

- Train, educate and provide opportunities for future leaders that will allow them to excel in their community and provide continuity to the IAFC
- Develop and provide resources to membership on emerging issues that are timely, relevant and needed at a local level
- Promote open communication, collaboration amongst members, leadership and stakeholders to advance the fire service

Service to our Members

As a member driven organization, the voice of our members is key to our success. The IAFC will continue to lead, educate, and serve through our staff, members, committees, divisions, and sections.

- Leadership of IAFC will continue to provide coordination amongst all of our various divisions, sections, committees, and staff to provide for our membership
- Enhance our communication with membership and create a means for effective two way communication
- Elevate critical relationships with organizations that will allow the IAFC voice to be heard beyond our association and make a continued impact on those issues which affect our membership.

Enhance the International Association of Fire Chiefs as the leader of the Fire and Emergency Services

The IAFC has so many members who are shaping the future of our business through representing the IAFC in code development, NFPA standards technical committees, legislative issues, work groups, committees and other key items that affect our local leaders.

- Coordinate efforts of members and staff in emerging issues to provide a voice that represents our interest and the fire service as a whole

- Enhancing the ability for the IAFC to quickly get critical information to our members from our experts. This should include a means of sharing trending information from our members with those representing them.

Maintain and Nurture a an Inclusive Emergency Services

The Fire Chief is the leader of their emergency service, and are faced with large realities. Mental and physical health through safety, fitness, cancer prevention, will lead to a stronger service. The IAFC leadership must continue to develop and mentor our members in creating a workplace that can address the emerging emergency services.

- Aid our leadership in developing a culture of inclusiveness at a local and State level.
- Promote best practices and provide tools to our members in issues of recruitment, retention and tough issues facing our leadership
- Update or keep current our resources that members are utilizing from the IAFC
- Lead in best practices of developing the best workplace culture