



Volunteer & Combination Officers Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs

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Volunteer & Combination Officers Section Endorsement Policy

In addition to the Elections Committee document entitled “Running for IAFC Election,” the following policies apply to IAFC candidates seeking the endorsement and support of the VCOS.

Eligible Candidates

- 1) Only candidates approved by the IAFC Elections Committee may seek the endorsement of the VCOS.
- 2) Any approved candidates who are running for an IAFC office in the current or following year’s election may request an endorsement from the VCOS.
- 3) IAFC Members seeking the endorsement of the VCOS shall provide a written request for endorsement to the Chair of the Section.

The letter of request for endorsement should include the following information

Profile

Your name, title and department, describe your organization memberships and your Section affiliations. Describe your current type of Department (Career, Volunteer, or Combination) and your current responsibilities.

Statement of Effect

In 300 words or less describe why the VCOS’s endorsement is important to your campaign and describe your top priorities if elected, what you would like to achieve. The more specific, the better. Remember you are seeking the endorsement of the VCOS. Also, make sure to include your campaign website address.

Seeking the VCOS Endorsement

- 1) Approved IAFC candidates must request permission to address the Board of Directors or the Section members at a VCOS conference/event from the Section Chair at least 10 business days prior to the event.
- 2) Granting permission to candidates to speak is at the discretion of the Section Chair. If Permission is granted to one candidate, all other candidates who request permission shall be given equal time and opportunity to speak.
- 3) The VCOS Chair or their designee shall inform the candidates of time allotment and the order in which he/she will speak. The order of selection for candidates permitted to speak will be
 - a. Section Members seeking endorsement



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- b. Alphabetical order of candidates seeking the Sections endorsement.
- 4) The VCOS will notify candidates seeking our endorsement.
- 5) Candidates who successfully win the endorsement of the VCOS shall be eligible to utilize the VCOS logo in adherence to IAFC Election Policies.
- 6) Candidates endorsed by the VCOS shall be afforded the right to place an approved advertisement in a VCOS publication provided space allows.