



What's Happening at the IAFC?

Strategic Vision Update
April 15, 2013 – August 15, 2013

The following is a record of milestones achieved in moving toward the IAFC vision. It captures completed works directly relevant to the IAFC strategic vision. It is intended to capture the depth of the association's overarching accomplishments at a high-level.

LEAD

To LEAD by being the preeminent voice and advocate for the fire and emergency service on national policy and in government.

- Conducted another successful International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week from June 16-22, which was coordinated by the SHS Section. The theme was "Saving Our Own...An Inside Job" and focused on behavioral health.
- Issued a call to action in July to *Stand Up for Safety*, which was coordinated by the SHS Section. The purpose of this campaign is to encourage fire departments to take concrete steps to increase awareness of a high number of recent firefighter fatalities and focus on situational awareness.
- SHS Section leadership:
 - Attended a WFI occupational physicians' meeting in July to discuss changes to recommended health screenings for the new WFI edition.
 - Participated in the AFG/SAFER FY 13 criteria reconciliation teleconference on July 18.
- IAFC was awarded the administration of the AFG/SAFER criteria development process for FY 2014.
- IAFC leaders attended the CTIF Delegates' Assembly in Mulhouse, France.
- IAFC members participated in an ongoing study by the Government Accountability Office to understand the tasks, responsibilities and customer base for the ATF.
- RSG! Program staff are working with fire and forestry agencies in 19 states on customization of the RSG! Action Guide for enhanced local impact.
- Held the Firefighter Safety Through Advanced Research (FSTAR) executive sponsor kick-off call.
- The IAFC attended the Land Mobile Communications Council's (LMCC) annual meeting with the Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.
- Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) introduced the Medical Preparedness Allowable Use Act (H.R. 1791), which would allow first responders to use homeland security grants to purchase medkits for them and their families. This legislation is supported by the IAFC.
- The IAFC and EMS Section participated in a meeting at the White House complex with other national EMS organizations and members of the Obama Administration to discuss ways to help military emergency medical technicians achieve civilian certification.
- The IAFC sent a letter to the chief of the Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau laying out principles on 9-1-1 indoor location

technologies. The IAFC has supported development of technologies for indoor location, but has not endorsed any particular technology or company.

- The IAFC's Communications Committee leadership attended the DHS SAFECOM meeting, which discussed next generation 9-1-1 and other issues.
- The IAFC Board of Directors met with federal policymakers, including Janet Napolitano, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and members of Congress and their staff. They also attended the 25th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services dinner.
- The LMCC filed its report to the FCC about the requirement to give back the T-Band, which includes a recommendation that the FCC lift the current T-Band licensing freeze. The IAFC participated in the panel that completed this report.
- The IAFC participated in the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) meeting at Washington, D.C.
- The IAFC EMS Section represented the IAFC at:
 - the Joint National EMS Advisory Committee meeting
 - a meeting of the National EMS Advisory Committee
 - a meeting of the NFPA 1917 Working Group to address concerns about the new standard
 - the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on the topic of drug shortages.
- The House passed the FY 2014 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, which included IAFC-backed amendments to increase funding for the U.S. Fire Administration and FIRE and SAFER grants.
- Senators Tom Carper (D-DE) and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) re-introduced the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act (S. 1163).
- Members of the FLSS participated in a call with the GAO regarding the ATF's outreach to the fire service.
- The Human Relations Committee leadership represented the IAFC at the Virginia Equity and Diversity Conference.

EDUCATE

To EDUCATE current and future fire and emergency service leaders by providing training, education and professional development opportunities.

- The Training for Regional Collaboration (TReC) delivered 20 training sessions across the country through June 13, 2013. The TReC Resource Center registered over 700 participants and trained over 470 participants. TReC trained participants from multiple disciplines, the private sector, government and non-profits.
- The FLSS issued the paper, *Protecting Life and Property and Reducing Injuries, From Fires Originating on Home Ranges*.
- IAFC presented multiple webinars relating to legislation, wildland fire, severity of home fires, decision making and organizational effectiveness.
- The 2013 Fire-Rescue Med conference was held in Las Vegas, NV.
- The International Hazardous Materials Response Team Conference was held in Baltimore, MD.

SERVE

To SERVE by providing services and products of value to our membership, affiliates and partners.

- The Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA) hosted a Firefighters Appreciation Day and Recruiting event at the Waterford Speedbowl in Waterford, CT in June. Approximately 3,500 people in attendance received information on volunteering and visited with fire department representatives. To date, the CFCA SAFER funded program has helped volunteer fire departments recruit 150 new members.
- The Virginia Fire Chiefs Association's (VFCA) Volunteer Workforce Solutions (VWS) program, managed by the IAFC, selected 14 departments throughout Virginia to participate in phase 2 of the program.
- The FLSS awarded a fellowship to attend the Harvard Kennedy School for Strategic Management of Regulatory and Enforcement Agencies.
- IAFC managed the Harvard Fire Executive Fellowship Program. A total of four fellowships were awarded to the Harvard University Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program Fellowships with the support of the IAFC, the National Fire Protection Association and the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA).

LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

Major activities that support the capability to enact the strategic goals.

- The new responsive FRI website was highlighted as a national model in a presentation on association web trends.
- IAFC launched Bugle Brief, a new leadership and management-themed e-newsletter
- Since the IAFC Board of Directors meeting in May, the CEO/Executive Director has participated in the following meetings:
 - 14 meetings with other association executive directors
 - 25 meetings with IAFC members and fire chiefs
 - 15 allied organizations
 - 6 federal agencies or organizations
 - 21 corporate partners or corporations interested in working with the IAFC
 - 6 conference meetings

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

- The EMS Section honored **Kathy West** and **Capt. Chad Deardorff** with the EMS Section Meritorious Service Award
- **Chief Kevin Brame (Ret.)** was honored as the 2013 James O. Page Award winner.

STAFF UPDATES

- **Sharon Baroncelli** has been assigned the position of staff liaison for the Safety Health and Survival Section and the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association.
- **Laura Bell** has been hired to be the Program Manager for the National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System.
- **Travis Blanchette** has been hired as the Senior Developer in support of various e-learning-related projects
- **Cynthia Cox** is now Program Manager for course development for Whole Community Planning for Disaster program.
- **Vicki Lee** was assigned to work on a two-year project with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), U.S. Department of Commerce.

What People Are Saying...

"That was outstanding! I have several fire fighters in Sumter Nat'l Forest and home owners here in Savannah Lakes that wanted to see that presentation."

--IAFC Webinar

"Thank you and your staff for delivering the TReC program in Summit, I have received nothing but positive feedback. I am happy to report that our local board of education has decided to use one of their two staff development days later this month for emergency management training. We will be providing instructors from fire and police to deliver an ICS refresher then conduct a short tabletop exercise. I believe this is a result of the TReC program."

-- TReC participant