



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS
FEDERAL and MILITARY FIRE SERVICE SECTION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
CHARLOTTE, NC. JULY 26, 2017
CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER

Board Members Present:

Fire Chief Fletcher Dahman, Chair
Fire Chief Jonathan Mattingly, Vice Chair & At Large Rep
Fire Chief A.J. Gilgallon, US Army Representative
Fire Chief Paul Murray, Navy Rep
Fire Chief Todd Canale, Air Force Rep

Fire Chief (Ret.) Luther L. Fincher Jr.
Chief Robichaux, Southwestern Division
Gary Brouse, IAFC Staff Liaison

Annual Meeting Call to Order: Chief Dahman called the meeting to order at 1400 hours EST.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chief Dahman

Any Request to Revise the Published Agenda: None

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

The Board recognized Fire Chief Luther Fincher Jr for his many years of dedicated service to his country as a US Marine and to the fire service. Chief Fincher announced that he will stepping down after FRI. Chief Fincher introduced Fire Chief Roy Robichaux, Southwestern Division as the new IAFC Board Representative to the Federal Military Section.

Chief Robichaux addressed the Board and stated that he looked forward to working with the Federal Military Section in the upcoming year(s).

Chief Gary Ludwig addressed the Board requesting their support in his bid for IAFC 2nd Vice President in 2018.

Financial Report: IAFC Statement of Activities for seven months ending 20 July 2017 for Federal Military Fire Service Section.

Carry Over 2016	\$ 28,237.00
<u>Income</u>	
Section Dues	\$ 1,480.00

<u>Expenses</u>	
Scholarship	\$ (250.00)
Conference Call	\$ (14.00)
Elections	\$ (20.00)
Balance	\$ 29,433.00*

Motion: Approve the Financial report as presented.

Moved: Fire Chief Murray

Second: Fire Chief Canale

Motion: Passed

Reports from Officers:

Army: (Chief Gilgallon)

- Army Material Command funded 2 positions to attend IAFC Fire Rescue International
- Staffing policy changes – Army will only staff to 71% of required firefighters. Mutual aid will be relied on for the remaining.
- Working under defined Scope of Service – effort to reduce overtime. Implemented restrictions on overtime limiting no more than 72 hours straight without a break.
- Re-purposing apparatus. Army HQ moving base apparatus around to other installations
- US Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM) Chiefs met at Ft Benning to discuss fire issues impacting IMCOM Chiefs.
- There is a concern at the fire chief level of lack of communication from Top Army down to the installations
- Army HQ has hired a Fire Protection Specialist (Mr. Davis)

Navy: (Chief Murray)

- Navy is also working under overtime restrictions of no more than 72 hrs then must take a 24 hr break.
- Awaiting 6055.6 re-write
- Navy region SE non- labor funds cut considerable – 75%
- Currently there has been no restriction on hiring firefighters to fill authorized job openings.
- Navy Fire is relying heavily on mutual aid
- Activating USN Reserve firefighters to overseas assignments
- Active Shooter – training and installation assessments have a priority
- USAF Reserve procured dual purpose PPE to do away with proximity clothing. Navy SE is looking at doing the same.
- Working on replacing the PFOS & PFOA in fixed systems

At Large: (Chief Mattingly)

- Continue to recruit other services into the At Large portion of the Section
- NIH – able to bring staff to IAFC Fire Rescue International
 - Working on accreditation
 - Budget – has been flat
 - NIH FD able to procure apparatus
 - Healthcare costs has put NIH in a deficit.

USAF: (Chief Canale)

- Chief Canale led a discussion on Mutual Aid & Ultra high pressure; He inquired if others are using it on mutual aid and how it was working.
- Air Shows – Questioned whether all services work under a similar Concept of Operations (ConOps) – Engines running ready to go-
 - Fort Worth looking at moving air show off base for security reasons
- AFFF – PFOA and PFOA issue – USAF – Enterprise wide phased out and turned in.

Committee Reports:

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

Election Results:

- Chair of the FMS board – Chief Dahman
- Army representative – Chief Gilgallon
- At-Large Federal Fire representative – Chief Mattingly
- Air Force representative – Chief Canale

Motion: Approve election results.

Moved: Fire Chief Murray

Second: Fire Chief Canale

Motion: Passed

Business Agenda:

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- Regain Seat on DoD FESWG
- Monitor issues on the Hill

Legislation

H.R. 1363, Allows federal firefighters to swap shifts outside the two-week pay period.

H.R. 1884, the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act – Grants presumptive disability to federal firefighters for heart disease, lung disease, tuberculosis, hepatitis, human immunodeficiency virus, and specified cancers.

SB 29, the Federal Firefighter Pay Equity Act (Introduced by Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA)) – Allows the 19 hours of overtime hours each week in a firefighter's 72-hour week to be accounted for when computing the firefighter's retirement benefits

Budget

- OGR tasked with coming up with at least \$32 billion in cuts to federal retirement or health benefits over the course of a decade.

Items being considered

- Increase amount paid in to retirement
- Ending FERS annuity supplement
- High 5 vs 3
- Reduce COLA's for current and future (CSRS) retiree's
- Eliminate future COLA's for current and future FERS retiree's
- Re-Organization and Privatization of Govt Services and A76

GOOD OF SECTION:

Chief Dahman spoke to the membership on the importance of the Section being the voice of the Federal - Military Chief Officer and the need to recruit new members.

The Section is looking for interested members to serve on the Board for vacancies in Federal Wildland, U.S. Coast Guard, and U. S. Marines Representative.

NEXT ANNUAL SECTION MEETING: Next annual meeting will be scheduled during the week of Aug 8-11, 2018, and will be held in Dallas, TX.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 1530 hrs.

Minutes submitted by:



Mr. Gary Brouse
IAFC Staff Liaison
Federal Military Section