

SEAFRC Resolutions Submitted to the International Association of Fire Chiefs for Fire
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Resolution Title: Retrofitting Sprinklers

Resolution Description: Promote the enactment of Legislation requiring retrofitted sprinkler systems.

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fire Chiefs believes that Fire Sprinklers save lives; and,

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fire Chiefs believes that additional measures should be taken to protect at risk groups such as senior citizens and youth; and,

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fire Chiefs urges both Congress and each State Legislature to enact Legislation requiring the retrofitting of sprinklers in all Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, College Student Housing including Dormitories, Fraternity and Sorority Houses;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs encourages the support of the International Association of Fire Chiefs to promote the enactment of Legislation requiring the retrofitting of sprinklers in all Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and College Student Housing including Dormitories, Fraternity and Sorority Houses.

Resolution Title: Good Samaritan

Resolution Description: Support the passage of the Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act.

WHEREAS, Many volunteer fire departments struggle financially to provide their members with the equipment they need to protect their communities; and,

WHEREAS, "Well equipped fire departments" have made it a tradition to give equipment to those departments that are less fortunate or in dire need; and,

WHEREAS, the National Volunteer Fire Council Board of Directors voted in support of the Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act (H.R. 1088/S. 766) which provides for the transfer of useable fire equipment to volunteer departments by removing barriers to litigation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the International Association of Fire Chiefs encourages its members to support the passage of the Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act (H. R. 1088/S. 766).

Resolution Title: Chief Taliaferro

Resolution Description: Extend appreciation to Chief Julian Taliaferro for his efforts.

WHEREAS, Chief Julian Taliaferro has served as Fire Chief for the Charlottesville Virginia Fire Department and will retire from that position in July 2005; and,

WHEREAS, his continued devotion to and service have been noteworthy and of great benefit to the fire and rescue services of this nation, the state of Virginia, and especially the southeastern region;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the International Association of Fire Chiefs gratefully extends their appreciation to Chief Julian Taliaferro for his efforts, commends him for a job well done, and wishes him the best in years to come.

Resolution Title: Consumer Fireworks

Resolution Description: Endorse the restriction of consumer fireworks.

WHEREAS, the use of consumer fireworks continues to rise; and,

WHEREAS, State Governments continue to encourage or legalize the use of consumer fireworks; and,

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fire Chiefs are of the opinion that fire is a tool and not a toy; and,

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fire Chiefs concurs that consumer fireworks present a significant danger to the public;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fire Chiefs endorse the effort to restrict the use of consumer fireworks within their respective jurisdictions through the education of local and state officials as well as the public concerning the dangers of consumer fireworks.

Resolution Title: Residential Sprinklers

Resolution Description: Become active in supporting appropriate code changes relating to residential sprinklers.

WHEREAS, the number of fire deaths and injuries in residential occupancies remains high in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fire Chiefs maintains a position in favor of the installation of residential fire sprinklers; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control has resolved to eliminate residential fire deaths and injuries; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Fire Administration has worked tirelessly to improve the use of residential fire sprinklers; and,

WHEREAS, the International Code Council and the National Fire Protection Association have before them a proposed code change to improve regulations for the installation of residential fire sprinklers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fire Chiefs encourages its members to become active in supporting appropriate code changes relating to residential sprinklers.