

Resolution No. 29

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Occupational Health & Safety

Re: IAFF Burn Coordinator Resolution

1 WHEREAS, the IAFF Charitable Foundation
2 Burn Fund District Coordinators were established
3 with the passage of Resolution No. 22 at the 49th
4 IAFF Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, the IAFF Charitable Foundation
6 Burn Fund District Coordinators have continued to
7 make great strides within their respective state,
8 provincial and fire fighter locals, as well as increased
9 collaboration with local and regional Burn Centers,
10 Burn Camps, Survivor Support and Fire Safety
11 Education Groups in each of the 16 IAFF Districts in
12 North America; and

13 WHEREAS, the IAFF Burn Foundation took
14 the lead on national initiatives including the Fire
15 Fighter Burn Injury Survey, the Understanding Burn
16 Care website, the Youth Firesetting Information
17 Repository and Evaluation System (YFIRES), and
18 the National Scald Prevention Campaign, with our
19 national partners, the American Burn Association
20 Burn Prevention Committee, the International
21 Association of Fire Chiefs, along with many other
22 organizations; and

23 WHEREAS, the IAFF recognizes the
24 tremendous need to reduce the number of burn
25 injuries among firefighters and the citizens we
26 proudly protect; and

27 WHEREAS, there was a special need for
28 support services tailored to burn-injured firefighters

29 and their families; and

30 WHEREAS, the IAFF and National Fallen
31 Firefighters Foundation partnered with The Phoenix
32 Society for Burn Survivors to develop and provide
33 peer support by firefighters for firefighters and their
34 loved ones through the Survivors Offering Assistance
35 in Recovery (SOAR) Program available at over 70
36 Burn Centers across North America; and

37 WHEREAS, the IAFF International Children's
38 Burn Camp, sponsored by the IAFF Charitable
39 Foundation Burn Fund, is directed and run
40 exclusively by IAFF firefighters from across the
41 United States and Canada, along with IAFF Burn
42 Fund District Coordinators who serve on the Camp
43 Overseeing Committee and possibly in other camp
44 positions; and

45 WHEREAS, the IAFF has expanded the scope
46 and mission of the IAFF Charitable Foundation Burn
47 Fund to better meet the ongoing needs of firefighters
48 and emergency medical personnel, and have created
49 burn assistance grants for members and members of
50 their immediate family, so the duties of the Burn
51 Foundation District Coordinators have increased; and

52 WHEREAS, the majority of education and
53 training for Burn Coordinators is reliant on grant
54 funding, which is never guaranteed; and

55 WHEREAS, to have the ability to approach
56 large corporations and philanthropic foundations, our
57 own members need to be more financially
58 supportive; and

59 WHEREAS, with our participation in these and
60 other related initiatives, more jobs could possibly be
61 created for our brothers and sisters in these respective

62 fields; and

63 WHEREAS, the IAFF, as a result of Resolution
64 No. 22 at the 49th Biennial Convention, established
65 an initial budget of three travel days annually for
66 each IAFF Charitable Foundation Burn Fund District
67 Coordinator to be reviewed and adjusted annually;
68 therefore be it

69 RESOLVED, That the IAFF establish an annual
70 budget for the purpose of two meetings of the 16
71 District Coordinators of the IAFF Burn Foundation,
72 with one to be held at the American Burn
73 Association Annual Conference, and one at the IAFF
74 Biennial Convention, the Redmond Symposium, or
75 any IAFF sponsored conference or event deemed to
76 be cost effective by the IAFF General President; and
77 be it further

78 RESOLVED, That the initial budget of three
79 travel days annually be increased to nine days
80 annually.

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Cost Estimate:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: