

Resolution No. 34

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Occupational Health & Safety

Re: Safety Committee

1 WHEREAS, firefighters are killed and injured
2 every year in job related incidents and illnesses while
3 protecting the public; and

4 WHEREAS, one of the best proactive tools to
5 protect firefighters and the public is to have an active
6 Occupational Safety and Health Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, many fire departments do not have
8 an Occupational Safety and Health Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, in many fire departments that do
10 have an Occupational Safety and Health Committee,
11 it had to be negotiated for in the contract; and

12 WHEREAS, in many fire departments that do
13 have an have an Occupational Safety and Health
14 Committee, it is not in compliance with NFPA 1500
15 (Fire Department Occupational Safety, Health, and
16 Wellness Program - 2018 Edition); and

17 WHEREAS, in Homeland Security Presidential
18 Directive-5, February 28, 2003, it was required that
19 all fire departments who applied for federal grants
20 had to have adopted NIMS/ICS; and

21 WHEREAS, this requirement hastened the
22 adoption of NIMS/ICS improving the safety of
23 firefighters and the public in the event of a multi-
24 agency incident; and

25 WHEREAS, to hasten the use of an Occupational
26 Safety and Health Committee on all fire departments
27 and to insure they operate in accordance with NFPA
28 1500, at a minimum, Local 718 recommends that all

29 fire departments that apply for a federal grant have to
30 have an Occupational Safety and Health Committee,
31 in compliance with NFPA 1500 (Fire Department
32 Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness Program
33 – 2018 Edition); therefore be it

34 RESOLVED, That the IAFF should petition for a
35 new Presidential Directive similar to Presidential
36 Directive-5 (2003) that mandates this policy.

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Cost Estimate:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: