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## **Federal & Military Fire Services Section Annual Meeting**

14 August 2024  
Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, Dallas, TX

### **Participants:**

#### *Fed/Mil Board Members Present:*

Chief Todd Canale, Air Force, Chair  
Chief Shane Crutcher, Federal Wildland Service (NPS)  
Chief Jon Davis, At-Large NASA  
Chief Barry Shughart, Marine Corp  
Chief Julian Crolet, Army  
Chief Robert Kerchief, Air Force

#### *Fed/Mil Board Members Not Present:*

Chief Justin Deemer, Navy, Vice Chair  
Chief Matthew Goldstein, Coast Guard

#### *IAFC Guests/Staff:*

Chief Roy Robichaux, IAFC Board Advocate to Fed/Mil Section  
Mr. Kevin McGee, IAFC Liaison

### **Call to Order**

Chief Canale chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 14:15 hrs CT.

### **Approval of 18 January 2024 Minutes**

Chief Todd Canale, Chair

#### **MOTION: 14 August 2024-01**

**Motion made and seconded to approve the 18 April 2024 Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

**Crutcher/Shugart**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Chief Justin Deemer

No report. The Treasurer's report was sent via email to the Board of Directors.

### **Chair Report** Chief Todd Canale

Chief Canale discussed the NDAA part 388 on AFFF conversion. Chief Canale facilitated a review of the annual work plan. He requests a meeting with IAFC Communications to establish a link in the Fed Mil web page. Improved notice is needed for the Fed/Mil Section Annual Meeting as it was not on the FRI schedule.

Chief Canale deferred to Chief Clemson, First Net Authority who provided an overview of the First Net Communications network. He requested a letter of support for First Net to serve as the public safety spectrum manager of the 4.9 broad band spectrum.

Chief Canale deferred to President Butler and the IAFC Executive Committee who each expressed appreciation to the Section for support in progressing the IAFC Strategic Directions.

### **Vice Chair Report**

No Vice Chair Report

### **Committee Reports**

Chief Canale presented the Election Committee update. All candidates for the 2024-2027 Board of Directors were unopposed and therefore advanced to their position by acclimation.

Chief Crutcher informed the membership that the National Parks Service is pursuing hiring for multiple open positions. Over \$230m in fire loss for the past 3 years. NPS is pursuing a Records Management System.

Chief Shugart reported that the USMC RMS was renewed and 100% NFIRS compliant. AFFF removal and transition is in progress.

Chief Davis reported that NASA is addressing staffing and has received funding for structural apparatus. AFFF at NASA facilities has been removed from fire apparatus. NASA is increasing mission capabilities at Wallops Island. A position recruitment is underway to fill a vacant GS-14 Fire Marshal vacancy.

Chief Crolet informed the membership that Army regulations for fire protection services were pushed out. There are increased training opportunities from AMC. Chief Crolet reported that hands on training with F3 foam is highly encouraged.

Chief Kerchief reported on the status of NDAA. Chief Kerchief discussed the senior officers summit and that all other agencies are welcome to join.

## **Business Agenda**

### **Old Business**

Mr. Ken LaSala presented a legislative report stating that the House of Representatives passed the Defense Authorization Bill and that it is now in the Senate. There is a Continuing Resolution to keep the Federal Government open into the December/January timeframe. The proposed OSHA standards regulations comments from the IAFC have been filed. Mr. LaSala commented on the status of PFAS decontamination and firefighting foam replacement.

### **New Business**

Chief Todd Canale, Chair and Chief Barry Shugart, Marine Corp Director took the oath of office presided by Chief Roy Robichaux.

### **Selection of Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled Board telecon meeting will be held on 17 October 2024, 13:00 hrs ET.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 14:30 hours CT.