

***A Resolution Expressing Support for the  
National Unified Goal for Traffic Incident Management***

*Offered by*

*International Association of Fire Fighters  
The International Association of Fire Chiefs  
The International Fire Service Training Association  
The National Fire Protection Association  
The National Volunteer Fire Council*

Whereas traffic incidents are increasing in number along much of the nation's roadways and;

Whereas emergency responders are called hundreds if not thousands of times daily to provide protection to life and property due to accidents, fires and other hazards and;

Whereas the increasing number and duration of roadway incidents is in direct correlation to secondary accidents involving emergency responders and;

Whereas the lives of first responders, as well as the general public, are increasingly put in harms way because of the threat posed by increased roadway congestion and;

Whereas millions of dollars of damage is incurred to public safety vehicles struck while at the scene of accidents during secondary crashes and;

Whereas, this issue is being addressed by stakeholders in transportation agencies, private industry and public safety organizations at the local, state and national levels working as members of the National Traffic Incident Management Coalition (NTIMC) and;

Whereas the fire service through representatives of the IAFF, the NFPA, ISFTA, the NVFC, the IAFC and the CVVFA Emergency Responder Safety Institute and others all are working to establish the National Unified Goal for Traffic Incident Management with the objective to ensure Responder Safety, Safe Quick Clearance and Prompt Reliable Interoperable Communications at highway incidents and;

Whereas a policy of responder safety, open roads, and reduced congestion is in the interest of the well being of the nation and the free flow of commerce and;

Whereas the role of CFSI is to educate Congress on fire and life safety issues, including the serious problem of increasing roadway congestion to our nation;

Now be it resolved that the Congressional Fire Services Institute National Advisory Committee will support and engage in efforts initiated by NAC members to enhance adoption of the National Unified Goal for Traffic Incident Management and;

Let it be further resolved that the Congressional Fire Services Institute will educate Congress on the National Unified Goal for Traffic Incident Management including the importance of protecting emergency responders on the nation's roadways.