

A resolution requesting the Congressional Fire Services Institute to educate Congress and federal agencies about the role and importance of Fire Service-Based Emergency Medical Service to the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the United States

Offered by:

*International Association of Arson Investigators
International Association of Fire Fighters
International Association of Fire Chiefs
International Fire Service Training Association
National Fire Protection Association
National Volunteer Fire Council
Fire Engineering Magazine*

Whereas, for well over 100 years the American Fire Service has been engaged in providing emergency medical services to the communities they serve and;

Whereas, more than 90% of paid fire departments along with an unmeasured but estimated high percentage of volunteer and combination fire departments provide EMS services making fire departments the largest group of providers of pre-hospital care in America and;

Whereas, fire stations are already deployed throughout every community placing available emergency medical resources in close proximity to citizens in need;

Whereas, Congress and the Administration are examining issues surrounding Health Care Policy in America and;

Whereas, a report from the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies was written and published about the development of EMS systems over the last forty years with little input and scarcely a mention of the contributions of fire service based EMS providers and;

Whereas, Fire Departments are responding to an increasing number of EMS calls each year providing professional and compassionate care to patients;

Now, let it therefore be resolved that the Congressional Fire Services Institute educate Congress and federal agencies about the role and importance of Fire Service Based Emergency Medical Service to the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the United States and;

Be it further resolved that the Congressional Fire Services Institute promote and champion fire service-based EMS within the fire service, Congress, the Administration, and to the American people.