

A Resolution Supporting a Arsonist Registration and Notification Program

Offered by:

The International Association of Arson Investigators

The National Fire Protection Association

Whereas, the crime of arson is responsible for loss of life of firefighters and civilians across the nation and,

Whereas, millions of dollars of damage is inflicted by arsonists creating economic hardship to communities and a blight on America's neighborhoods and,

Whereas, arsonists routinely are responsible for multiple fires not only in localities where they live but in other geographic areas of the country where they may travel or relocate and,

Whereas, no data base currently exists at a statewide or national level where arsonists are required to register and to keep his or her registration current, ensuring law enforcement of their whereabouts;

Therefore, it is resolved that the National Advisory Committee to the Congressional Fire Services Institute supports congressional efforts to pass legislation that requires each state to maintain a statewide registry and that this information be made available on the internet and readily accessible to approved law enforcement agencies. Additionally, the Attorney General would be responsible for creating and maintaining a national database, the National Arsonist Registry, as well as developing and providing the software necessary for states to comply with the law.

Be it further resolved, that the National Advisory Committee to the Congressional Fire Services Institute supports the establishment and implementation of a Criminal Arsonist Management Assistance Program. This program will provide grants to jurisdictions to offset the costs of establishing and complying with these programs.