

**CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE**  
**NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
Washington Hilton  
Washington, D.C.

April 7, 2017

**8 a.m. Breakfast**

**8:30 a.m. Call to Order (Greg Cade), Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

**8:35 a.m. Comments – Bill Jenaway, President**

- We have to work together to get things done

**Amy Houston (AT & T)**

- Thank you to everyone

**8:45 a.m. Presentation – Harvey Johnson Jr., American Red Cross**

- Home Fire Program
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires by half
- Red Cross Home Fire Campaign – Started in October 2014
- Installed smoke alarms in 311,212 homes so far and made them safer
- Teach youth in Pillowcase Program – impact even more homes
- Produced open-source Home Fire Risk Map to locate the most at-risk homes and communities
- 215 lives saved so far because of this program (since October 2014)
- Sound the Alarm Program
  - We want to create a national signature event in October
  - Save lives, increase public awareness
  - Our goal is to install 100,000 smoke alarms, including the one millionth smoke alarm
  - Program would take place September 30 - October 15, 2017
    - Provides 6 weekend days
    - Includes National Fire Prevention week
    - Opportunity to align with FEMA *America's PrepareAthon Day of Action* (September 30)
  - Soundthealarm.org - contains information about the program
- We want to install 2.5 million smoke alarms by 2020
- All of our money comes from donors
- Manpower, materials, money, media: these are the four ways to help
  - Need 35,000 people to volunteer during the Sound the Alarm campaign
  - You can include information about Sound the Alarm in your newsletter.

## 9:10 a.m. Reports

Dennis Compton

- There was a meeting for the White Paper task group that was formed last year
- We developed an outline of what the White Paper might look like (3-5 pages) and created a rough draft
- There is another task group meeting on April 19 and the White Paper will be sent out a week before then. Then the draft will go to the Board, then NAC members can decide whether they want to sign onto it, and then it will go to the Fire Caucus.

Executive Director – Bill Webb

- Dinner totals are still lower than they have been in the past
- We need to figure out how we can get the next generation of fire service leaders involved
- Please share any ideas you have for the 30<sup>th</sup> Dinner next year
- We need to be aware of the hotel room and food & drink minimums that we are obligated to meet through our Hilton contract

Legislative/programmatic – Sean Carroll

- Open call for seminar proposals this year
- Averaged about 40 attendees per seminar this year, which is about the same as last year
- We'll do another open call for proposals this summer
- We were down to 201 members of the Caucus at the beginning of this session of Congress
  - Caucus members have been doing a strong recruitment campaign and we are now up to 232 members
- Senator John McCain (AZ), Senator Jon Tester (MT), Senator Susan Collins (ME), and Senator Tom Carper (DE) introduced S.829, legislation to reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs
  - This legislation eliminates the "sunset" provision and extends the authorization until Fiscal Year 2023

## 9:27 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. Presentation – Jeff Johnson, FirstNet

- FirstNet is a single nationwide broadband network for public safety
- FirstNet devices will be able to make calls, access the internet, and have push to talk capabilities, but it will not replace land-mobile radios
- AT&T building FirstNet network and partnering with Motorola Solutions
- This will be enabled on an AT&T network as early as next summer
- Priority for public safety
- It will take up to five years to complete the build-out for the FirstNet network
- Opt in and opt out state plans
  - FirstNet will be required to present a plan for each state which will be presented to the governor – the plan will detail coverage, functionality, users, requirements, etc.
  - The governor has 90 days to make one of three decisions:
    1. Say nothing: opt-in after 90 days
      - FirstNet will build it, secure customers, maintain it at FirstNet's cost
    2. Opt in: the same thing happens as above

3. Opt out: The state will have to create their own plan, secure the funding, build it, operate it, maintain it consistent with the FirstNet network

● **Mike Worrell, FirstNet**

- We will have a dedicated public safety call center
- In-building coverage: AT&T can help with their existing buildings that are already set up

**9:45 a.m. Presentation – Chief Todd LeDuc, International Association of Fire Chiefs**

- FSTAR program (Firefighter Safety Through Advanced Research)
- Fstaresearch.org has a lot of information (i.e. fact sheets) on their website
- Firefighters are exposed to many occupational health risks
- Average age of 1<sup>st</sup> heart attack for the general population is 66, but it is 49 for firefighters
- Firefighters are exposed to the unique risk of cancer through many contributing factors
- We want to get every firefighter in the U.S. to get a proper medical physical
  - Number one obstacle: educate healthcare providers so that they understand the occupational risks or proper screening necessary
  - Healthcare Provider's Guide to Firefighter Physicals -- We need to disseminate this to every firefighter and appropriate medical professionals in the U.S.

**10:15 a.m. Subcommittee Reports**

Ethics – Doug Aiken – No report

Programmatic – Sean Carroll – Already covered

Fundraising – Bobby Halton – There will be a meeting in May

Membership – Dennis Compton – No report

Resolutions – Steve Austin

- No resolutions were submitted
- Think of resolutions you want considered in the Winter NAC meeting

**10:20 a.m. Presentation – Chief Ken Willett, National Fire Protection Association**

- The most effective way to make a safety change is to have a personal interaction in people's homes
- NFPA plans to build a new national fire data system through an Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award that will accept data/information about incidents, operations, and wellness
- Looking for partners who are willing to provide their data that will become part of a national database
- NFPA data solutions portal
  - Map-based solutions for Real Problems with Real Time Data that is based on your area, your information, and your needs
  - Imagine knowing the risk of a kitchen fire for people 70+
- NFPA Research Foundation is working on the Campaign for Fire Service Contamination Control

**10:40 a.m. Unfinished Business - None**

**11:35 a.m. New Business – Ron Coleman, National Fire Heritage Center**

- This is an organization that preserves the perishables of the profession
- We are after general membership
- We stand ready to archive, catalog, inventory and properly display the lifetime materials of people who have made impacts to the American Fire Service

**Shane Ray, National Fire Sprinkler Association**

- We need to come together and bring prevention and suppression together

**11:54 a.m. Adjournment**

**CFSI NAC MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Lou Amabili; Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors  
Justin Arnold; International Society of Fire Service Instructors  
Steve Austin; International Association of Arson Investigators  
Tanya Barlow; Johnson Controls/Tyco  
Preet Bassi; Center for Public Safety Excellence  
Paul D. Brooks; Institute of Fire Engineers – USA Branch  
Greg Cade; National Fire Protection Association  
Sean Carroll; Congressional Fire Services Institute  
Douglas Cline; International Society of Fire Service Instructors  
Dennis Compton; International Fire Service Training Association  
Robert Cumberland; Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association  
Jim Dalton; National Fire Sprinkler Association  
Evan Davis; International Association of Fire Chiefs  
Steve Edwards; North American Fire Training Directors  
Jim Estep; Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors/ National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications  
Eriks Gabliks; North American Fire Training Directors  
Hugh “Skip” Gibson; Insurance Services Office  
John Granby; Fire and Emergency Manufacturers’ Services Association  
Allison Hahn; Congressional Fire Services Institute  
Bobby Halton; Penwell Fire Group (Fire Engineering, Fire Rescue, Fire Apparatus)  
Craig Hannan; International Fire Service Training Association  
Steve Hirsch; National Volunteer Fire Council  
Bill Jenaway; Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors  
Bruce Johnson; Underwriters Laboratories  
Steve Kerber; UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute  
Jeff Knight; International Municipal Signal Association  
Roger Krupp; International Association of Arson Investigators  
Rich Marinucci; Fire Department Safety Officers Association  
Shannon A. Meissner; International Association of Fire Fighters  
Dave Moore; International Association of Wildland Fire

Frank Mortl, III; American Fire Sprinkler Association  
Mike Natchipolsky; FireRescue1/Fire Chief  
Stuart Nathan; International Fire Buff Associates  
Chris Neal; Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors  
Rob Neale; International Code Council  
Tony O'Neill; National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications  
Sarah Owen; Underwriters Laboratories  
Ryan Pietzsch; VFIS  
Vickie Pritchett; National Fire Sprinkler Association/Common Voices  
Nathan Queen; International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters  
Shane Ray; National Fire Sprinkler Association  
Randy Roxson; USA Sprinkler Fitters Association  
Tim Sendelbach; Firehouse  
Ron Siarnicki; National Fallen Firefighters Foundation  
Debbie Sobotka; Center for Public Safety Excellence  
Bill Spencer; National Association of State Fire Marshals  
Addington Stewart; International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters  
Michael Swain; Center for Campus Fire Safety  
Giff Swayne; Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors  
Victoria Valentine; Society of Fire Protection Engineers  
Terry Victor; Johnson Controls/SimplexGrinnell  
Ray Walker; International Fire Marshals Association  
Bill Webb; Congressional Fire Services Institute  
Tom Weber; Insurance Services Office  
Ken Willette; National Fire Protection Association

**GUESTS:**

Nelson Bryner; National Institute of Standards and Technology  
Dan Carrier; Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association  
Ron Coleman; National Fire Heritage Center  
Al Gillespie; AT&T  
Anthony R. Guzzo; Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association  
Amy Houston; AT&T  
Harvey Johnson; American Red Cross  
Jeff Johnson; FirstNet  
Kevin Kelley; American Red Cross  
Ed Klima; First Responder Center for Excellence for Reducing Line of Duty Deaths and Injuries  
Todd LeDuc; International Association of Fire Chiefs  
Candice McDonald; Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association  
Ernest A. Rohan; Pennsylvania Fireman/Lancaster County  
Mike Worrell; FirstNet