

## **Congressional Fire Services Institute National Advisory Committee Meeting**

Phoenix Park Hotel  
520 North Capitol St NW  
Washington, DC  
December 10, 2019

### **Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order on December 10, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. by Chief Greg Cade, Chair of the National Advisory Committee.
- Chief Cade led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll call was taken

### **Dr. William Jenaway, President of the CFSI Board of Directors**

- Discussion of follow up to Truman Fire Forum.
- CFSI NAC meetings and dinner are open to the general public and you don't have to be a member of an organization to attend.
- Shane Ray to join CFSI Board.
- Lori Moore-Merrell has won the Mason Award.

### **Chair's Report**

- Chief Greg Cade delivered the Chair's report.
- He mentioned the update of CFSI's strategic plan, which is under review by the Board of Directors.

### **Vice-Chair's Report**

- Chief Ron Siarnicki delivered the Vice-Chair's report.
- Some Truman Fire Forum work to prepare for the Research Agenda Summit in May 2020.
- Working on next Tampa Summit. Idea is to involve the National Advisory Committee. Next National Life Safety Summit in Fall 2020 won't be in Tampa; it will be rebranded as the Truman Fire Forum.
- Sat in on CFSI Strategic and Operational Plan meeting.
- Working on a program for succession and leadership geared towards promoting new faces and new leaders in the fire service. This includes a Leadership Forum at the CFSI Dinner. Try to challenge organizations to bring a plus one to the dinner - someone who could be a leader.
- Working to create a section at NFFF memorial for Mason Award Winners and CFSI Legislators of the Year.
- NFFF adding names for cancer presumption.

## **Executive Director's Report**

- Bill Webb, CFSI's Executive Director, delivered a report.
- Advocacy - we need to expand the Fire Caucus and seek a replacement for co-chair Peter King (NY).
- Education -
  - CRR is a big issue and we put together a program in May with Vision 20/20 involving future leaders in CRR.
  - MFRI has been very supportive in educating congressional staff.
  - NFPA and CFSI co-hosted a reception on Capitol Hill in the leadup to Fire Prevention Week.
  - CFSI is working on scheduling a ride-along program.
- Outreach - we are always willing to participate in conferences to share our work, mission, and collaborations with other organizations.
- CFSI Awards - Board announced Lori Moore-Merrell as the Mason Award winner. We'll be honoring three fire departments with the Sarbanes Award.
- Lisa Murkowski will be CFSI Legislator of the Year for 2019.
- Fundraising - Firehouse assisted in a silent auction. We continue to promote our Associates Club program.
- CFSI also has an internship program supported by several individuals and organizations.
- CFSI is close to selling out our 2019 ornaments.
- CFSI dinner registration is open. We need to identify and groom future leaders.

## **Legislative Report**

- Michaela Campbell, CFSI's Director of Government Affairs, delivered a report.
- Discussed legislative issues including appropriations (possible increases for programs including AFG and SAFER grant programs), NDAA, and tax issues, including Qualified Improvement Property.
- Talked about need for caucus recruitment in 2020 and 2021.

## **Presentation on ET3 – Brenda Staffan, Senior Advisor, Emergency Triage, Treatment & Transport (ET3) Model, Division of Health Innovation and Integration, Prevention & Population Health Group, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation**

- Current state of emergency medical services: when a patient calls 911 and an ambulance arrives, it can transport the patient to the emergency department, or treat the patient at the scene.
- ET3 seeks to realign incentives to understand that transport to the emergency room is not always the best option. The model creates three new interventions:
  - Standard transport to an emergency room.

- Transport to an alternative destination (medical director-approved local protocol), such as urgent care, behavioral health center, community triage center, or community detox center.
- Opportunity for treatment in place by a qualified healthcare practitioner via telehealth (this requires video-enabled, two-way communication).
- Transport provider can bill a BLS-E or ALS1-E base rate if they transport to an alternative destination or provide treatment in place. Billing depends on the level of service provided.
- First awards will be announced in 2020.
- Transport providers will make partnerships with alternative destinations, dispatchers, treatment in place providers, non-Medicare payers, etc.

**Presentation on IPAWS – Antwane Johnson, Director, Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) Division, FEMA National Continuity Programs**

- In 1951, we could not issue national-level information to local citizens. President Truman established a rolling broadcast concept. Ultimately, today we have culminated in IPAWS.
- IPAWS has connected with 26,000 broadcasters across America and made other connections with 65 carriers, including major carriers, 105 internet content providers and app developers, states, territories, many counties, etc.
- Goal is to extend national capabilities.
- In many examples shown today, the message is about 90 characters. However, there have been requests to allow more characters. FEMA is working on these enhancements up to 360 characters. Also support for other languages, retaining messages on devices for up to 24 hours, clickable URLs and telephone numbers, etc. Many of these capabilities will be available December 13, 2019. More capabilities are yet to come.
  - Question: What about alert fatigue?
    - Answer: That’s a challenge. However, people want information.
  - Question: Regarding less than imminent warning - e.g. home fire prevention safety messages. Could you use IPAWS for this?
    - Answer: Yes.
  - Question: How can localities apply for IPAWS?
    - Answer: Gave the name of the Emergency Alert System manager for the relevant state. If you Google your state’s EAS plan, it’ll come up.

**Subcommittee Reports**

- **Ethics** – No report
- **Programmatic** – Ron Siarnicki
  - Received 33 proposals for seminars this year. We picked 12, 50-minute seminars for Wednesday of the symposium. We tried to consider a wide array of topics.
  - Thanked all who submitted and encouraged everyone to submit again next year.

- For Thursday of the symposium, we will build on the Leadership Track. We will have a 2 ½ hour presentation in the morning on Thursday and a capstone-style event in the afternoon.
- **Fundraising** – Vickie Pritchett
  - Continuing holiday ornament program.
  - Asked for consideration of future actions that can be taken in support of CFSI.
  - Discussed the Associates Club.
  - Urged support for CFSI internship program.
- **Membership** – Greg Cade in lieu of Tony O’Neill
  - One membership inquiry from the Fire Service Psychology Association (ASPA).
  - Insufficient information was submitted, so the committee has requested further information.
- **Resolutions** – Three resolutions were considered by the National Advisory Committee:
  - *A Resolution Encouraging Stronger Federal Support for Home Fire Sprinkler Education and Advocacy, Including within Fire Service Community Risk Reduction Efforts*
    - Offered by the National Fire Sprinkler Association and cosponsored by the American Fire Sprinkler Association, International Association of Fire Chiefs (FLSS), National Association of State Fire Marshals, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, National Fire Protection Association, and National Volunteer Fire Council.
      - Shane Ray recommended an amendment to change “25 states” to “26 states” since Indiana passed a law.
    - Motion: National Fire Sprinkler Association
    - Second: National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
    - Unanimously approved
  - *A resolution encouraging federal authorities to review and modify, as needed, federal policy requirements to permit adoption of new smoke alarm technologies.*
    - Offered by Underwriters Laboratories and cosponsored by the International Code Council and National Fire Protection Association.
    - Motion: UL
    - Second: ICC
    - Unanimously approved
  - *A resolution expressing support for copyright protections for codes and standards and concern over efforts to undermine such protections*
    - Offered by the International Code Council, and cosponsored by the National Fire Protection Association and Underwriters Laboratories.

- Question: Debra McGuire asked whether the whereas clause opposing “referencing” standards applies to situations where an organization has an agreement with UL, NFPA, or other like entity.
  - Answer: Seth Statler indicated that opposing arrangements as described by Debra is not the intent behind NFPA’s support of the resolution.
- Motion: International Code Council
- Motion was seconded
- Unanimously approved

**Unfinished Business**

- No unfinished business was discussed
- Jim Dalton spoke about his intent to step back from his work on the NAC in 2020.

**New Business**

- No new business was discussed

**Adjournment**

- Upon motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cade, Greg	National Fire Protection Association (NAC Chair)
Siarnicki, Ron	National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NAC Vice-Chair)
Jenaway, Bill	Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors (President)
Neal, Chris	Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors (Secretary/Treasurer)
Austin, Steve	Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors
Echols, Peggy	Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors
Webb, Bill	Congressional Fire Services Institute (Executive Director)
Campbell, Michaela	Congressional Fire Services Institute (Director of Government Affairs)
Tramel, Steven	Congressional Fire Services Institute (Development Manager)
Bashoor, Marc	Fire Chief/FireRescue1
Compton, Dennis	International Fire Service Training Association
Cox, Michael	North American Fire Training Directors
Dalton, Jim	National Fire Sprinkler Association
Finger, Dave	National Volunteer Fire Council
Fippinger, Karl	International Code Council

Gabliks, Eriks	North American Fire Training Directors
Gibson, Skip	Insurance Services Office
Granby, John	Fire and Emergency Manufacturers and Services Association
Guthrie, Robert	National Volunteer Fire Council
Hubbard, Leigh	International Society of Fire Service Instructors
Johnson, Mike	Fire Department Safety Officers Association
Kerber, Stephen	Underwriters Laboratories
Krupp, Roger	International Association of Arson Investigators
Kuntz, Kevin	Insurance Services Office
Lang, Dave	International Association of Fire Fighters
LaSala, Ken	International Association of Fire Chiefs
Marinucci, Rich	Fire Department Safety Officers Association
Marlatt, Pat	North American Fire Training Directors
Maser, Gabe	International Code Council
Matthews, Peter	Firehouse Magazine
McGuire, Debra	American Fire Sprinkler Association
Meissner, Shannon	International Association of Fire Fighters
Moore, Dave	International Association of Wildland Fire
Nathan, Stuart	International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.
Pritchett, Vickie	National Fire Sprinkler Association
Ray, Shane	National Fire Sprinkler Association
Sactor, Alan	Center for Campus Safety
Sobotka, Debbie	Center for Public Safety Excellence
Statler, Seth	National Fire Protection Association
Stephens, Scott	International Association of Arson Investigators
Weber, Tom	Insurance Services Office

Speakers & Guests:

Allen, Christina	NFFF
Allen, Donica	FEMA
Balliet, Barry	Provident
Buckman, John	WILDFire Productions
Casillo, Kelly	NFFF
Feijoo, Yvonne	Hallandale Beach Fire Rescue
Jones, Jonathan	South Carolina State Fire Marshal
Johnson, Antwane	FEMA
Markel, Troy	VFIS
Mitchell, Ernie	NFFF
Obest, Adam	CMMI

Patterson, Cathy	FEMA
Pritchett, Jenna	NFFF
Proels, Susan	NFFF
Schoen Jr, Dennis	Sunland Park Fire Department
Sendelbach, Tim	iFIRE International
Staffan, Brenda	CMMI
Stagnaro, Victor	NFFF