

RESOLUTION

Subject: Redefining “FIRE” : Explaining the evolving role of fire departments
Submitted by: Chief John DeHooe, Halton Hills, Ontario

WHEREAS:

Fire departments have evolved significantly.

AND WHEREAS:

Activities of fire departments extend far broader than the notion of “Fire”;

AND WHEREAS:

The public and policy makers may not be fully conscious of the range of fire related activities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED (required):

Be it resolved that the CAFC prepare a consensus discussion document that would help re-conceptualize the fire service in Canada so that this in turn may be used for public and policy making discussion purposes.



RESOLUTION

Subject: Mentoring the Future Generation of Fire Chiefs

Submitted by: Chief Pierre Voisine, Cornwall, Ontario

WHEREAS:

The Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs has a very high rate of members who are retiring;

AND WHEREAS:

There is a generation of talented administrators and firefighters of all walks of life who may be interested in pursuing the role of fire chief;

WHEREAS:

The CAFC has individuals who are willing and able to share their experiences.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, create opportunities for selected individuals to join a mentorship program within the CAFC.



RESOLUTION

Subject: Creation of a Fire Service Research Network

Submitted by: Deputy Chief Sean Tracey, Ottawa, Ontario

WHEREAS:

Fire departments are not resourced to conduct research to the same extent as universities, hospitals, colleges and industry;

AND WHEREAS:

Fire departments value research and innovation in all areas of practice;

AND WHEREAS:

Researchers across the country conduct fire-service related research of which the CAFC and members may be unaware.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the CAFC create a research network (roster) to identify Canadian researchers conducting research in areas relevant to the fire service and begin to leverage this network as appropriate.



RESOLUTION

Subject: Formation of International Best Practices Committee
Submitted by: Deputy Chief Richard Amnotte, Levis, Quebec.

WHEREAS:

Canada has an excellent fire service;

WHEREAS:

CAFC is often asked for advice on best practices;

AND WHEREAS:

other countries also have lessons learned that we can benefit from.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the CAFC offer 'membership' to one national level fire service association representative from each of 10 different countries who in exchange would be willing to advise CAFC on practices in their region.



RESOLUTION

Subject: The provision of Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) team

Submitted by: Chief Matthew Pegg, Toronto, Ontario

WHEREAS: THE provision of Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) team capabilities is vital to public safety across Canada;

AND WHEREAS: IT is imperative that the Canadian network of HUSAR teams be available for immediate deployment on a local, Provincial, Territorial, National and International basis without delay;

AND WHEREAS: AT present, Canadian HUSAR teams are not presently International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) qualified;

AND WHEREAS: AT present, Canadian HUSAR teams do not have National deployment agreements in place in the same manner that Forest Fire suppression teams do;

AND WHEREAS: THE absence of these pre-established National deployment agreements would result in significant delays in Canadian HUSAR teams being able to deploy to emergencies on a National or International basis;

AND WHEREAS: THE recent hurricane and earthquake events clearly demonstrate the critical need for Canadian HUSAR resources that are able to deploy both across Canada and Internationally without delay or issue;



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Subject: The provision of Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) team

Submitted by: Chief Matthew Pegg, Toronto, Ontario

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the CAFC petition Public Safety Canada to implement the necessary National Deployment Agreements with each of the Canadian HUSAR teams as an urgent matter of National public safety;

And be it further resolved THAT the CAFC petition Public Safety Canada to facilitate INSARAG qualification for each of the Canadian HUSAR teams as an urgent matter of public safety;

And be it further resolved THAT the CAFC petition Public Safety Canada to allocate the funding required to deploy Canadian HUSAR teams to International disasters such that the experience level of the Canadian HUSAR teams remains very high and such that Canadian HUSAR teams can assist in saving lives during time of disaster;

And be it further resolved THAT the CAFC petition Public Safety Canada to make the continuing support of Canadian HUSAR teams a top National Public Safety priority.

