

**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association-FRI
Business Meeting Agenda
Friday, August 9, 2019
Atlanta, GA – Georgia World Congress Center, Room 315**

Executive Board Members Present

Mike Duyck, President
John Lane, Vice President
Don Lombardi, Secretary
Robert Rocha, Treasurer
Eric Tade, Board Member
Loy Senter, Alternate Board Member
Otto Drozd, Immediate Past President

Staff Support Members Present

Ken LaSala, IAFC Liaison
Russ Sanders, Executive Secretary

IAFC Metro Board Representative

Chief Larry Few

Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions

President Duyck called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He invited the attendees to give short introductions of themselves. Board Representative Few gave the invocation.

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes from Edmonton

President Duyck asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the business meetings held at the Metro Chiefs 2019 Conference in Edmonton, Alberta.

A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes was made by Chief Luther Fincher, seconded by Chief David Downey, and agreed to unanimously.

Updates

USFA & NFA Updates

Chief Keith Bryant, the USFA Administrator, updated the attendees about developments at the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and the National Fire Academy (NFA). This year is the 45th anniversary of the USFA. The agency is

developing an update to the landmark “America Burning” report, which will be focused on wildland fires. The new Executive Fire Officer classes at NFA start at the first of next year.

Responder Forum Update

Curt Floyd, the NFPA Technical Lead, gave an update on the Responder Forum. It will be focused on a host of issues, including diversity and new technology. The forum will include emerging fire service leaders and educators. It will use breakout sessions to develop critical skills to address emerging issues. He is looking for participants – there is no limit on rank levels but he is looking for fire personnel in a few steps of being in the higher echelon of the department.

IAFC 2nd VP Candidate

President Duyck recognized Chef Donna Black to discuss her 2020 campaign for IAFC 2nd Vice President.

FirstNet

Mike Worrell with FirstNet gave an update on the network’s progress. FirstNet has \$18 billion to re-invest in the network and is looking for recommendations on how to proceed. The organization will be holding roadmap sessions around the nation to solicit ideas on their reinvestment strategy. Among the categories being considered are data aggregation; sensors for tracking firefighters; cybersecurity; voice communications; and user interfaces like heads-up displays.

JCAT Update

Brian Beechner, a battalion chief with the Orange County (FL) Fire Rescue department, briefed the committee on the Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT). He discussed how firefighters working at the JCAT work with federal intelligence analysts to develop intelligence products for first responders. The majority of the products are unclassified and free. He discussed recent products concerning indicators of the manufacture of improvised explosive devices; stadium security; and counterterrorism program considerations for public safety agencies.

Officer Reports

President’s Report

President Duyck discussed the U.S. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ ET3 program, which is a model program to allow fire and EMS agencies to be reimbursed for providing service on scene or transporting a Medicare patient to

an alternate destination of care. The Metro Chiefs will work with the IAFF and IAFC to develop a 1-2-page document on ET3.

IAFC Metro Board Representative's Report

Board Representative Few welcomed the Metro Chiefs to Atlanta. He briefed the membership on issues facing the IAFC Board of Directors. He discussed the IAFC's opposition to a requirement for post-secondary education for EMS personnel and stressed that the IAFC supports such education but does not think it should be a requirement.

He also announced that he is resigning as the Metro Chiefs' representative on the IAFC Board. President Duyck announced that he is asking Chief Ernest Malone of Indianapolis to serve as the Metro Representative to the IAFC Board.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Lane announced that he participated in a July 10 research project for NFPA 1700, Guide for Structural Firefighting to develop training material for the standard.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Lombardi announced that the Metro Chiefs have 114 Metro Chiefs and 100 Senior Metro members, as of August 1.

The following chiefs were invited to join the Metro Chiefs:

Larry Thomas	Surrey Fire Service
Tim Prather	Cherokee County (GA) Fire and Emergency Services
Don Crowson	Arlington (TX) Fire Department
Jodie Hettrick	Anchorage Fire Department
Joseph Gulotta	Tucson Fire Department
Kerri Donis	Fresno Fire Department
Jeanine Nicholson	San Francisco Fire Department
James M. Fitzgerald	Orange County (FL) Fire Rescue
Scott Cassin	Pasco County (FL) Fire & Rescue
Douglas Williams	Sedgwick County Fire District #1 (Wichita, KS)
Paul Dow	Albuquerque Fire Rescue
Joel G. Baker	Austin Fire Department
David Povlitz	Arlington County (VA) Fire Department
Jeffrey Johnson	Newport News (VA) Fire Department
Michael T. Brooks	Norfolk (VA) Fire Department

Chiefs Larry Thomas, Tim Prather, and Don Crowson all submitted their paperwork and joined the Metro Chiefs

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rocha presented the Treasurer's report. From 2018, the Metro Chiefs had an estimated carryover balance of \$712,918. As of August 1 (today), the Metro Chiefs have raised \$70,009 and had expenses of \$32,064. Overall, there has been a change in Net Assets of \$37,945 for a total balance of \$750,863.

He discussed his outreach to Latin America. He plans to attend the Mexico Fire Chiefs Conference in Guadalajara in November. He also has done outreach to Monterey, Mexico and Managua, Nicaragua.

Board & Staff Reports

Board Member's Report

As the Metro Chiefs' member on the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Board Member Tade recognized the fire departments of Newport News, Louisville and Atlanta for achieving accreditation.

He also announced that Denver will be hosting a Fire Service Behavioral Health Symposium on September 5 and 6, and invited members to attend.

Senior Board Member's Report

Senior Board Member Bryson was absent due to a family emergency.

Alternate Board Member's Report

Alternate Board Member Senter announced that he will be traveling to Ireland and will try to recruit some Irish colleagues to join the Metro Chiefs.

Immediate Past President's Report

Past President Drozd reported that he represented the Metro Chiefs at a planning meeting hosted by the new IAFC President and Chairman of the Board Gary Ludwig. The initiative will focus on educating firefighters on the need to be checked out after fires if they are not feeling well. They will be developing products for fire departments to use.

IAFC Liaison's Report

Mr. LaSala gave an update on legislative developments. Congress currently is working on legislation to fund the federal government, including USFA and the

FIRE and SAFER grant programs. He urged members of the Metro Chiefs to ask their Representatives to cosponsor H.R. 451, the Don't Break Up the T-Band Act. He also updated the membership on Next-Generation 911 legislation.

Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary Sanders said that he is still getting the final costs and revenue from the Metro Chiefs conference in Edmonton, but that the conference was profitable.

He also discussed the 2019 Urban Fire Forum. It will take place on September 17-19, 2019 at NFPA headquarters. The program topics will include Operationalizing the Ecosystem; the Economic Impact of Firefighter Injuries; NFPA 1700; Hot Work Safety; the Cancer Registry; and Social Media Policies. It also will have presentations from the National Alliance for Suicide Prevention, UL and FM Global, as well as an Executive Brief from the Center for Homeland Defense and Security. Representatives from Canada, the UK, and the US will be attending, and they anticipate issuing three to five deliverables.

Executive Secretary Sanders also reported that the 2020 Metro Winter Board Meeting will be January 14-16 in San Diego, CA

In addition, Executive Secretary Sanders reported that the policy manual has been updated to allow the President to approve travel expenses for board officers and members for travel to Metro-approved meetings if the officer/board member does not have a sponsoring agency to cover his/her expenses. If the President is the traveling member, the Treasurer must approve the expenses. All travel costs must be in compliance with the travel section of the policy manual. For your convenience, the manual is posted online at www.nfpa.org/metro.

Executive Secretary Sanders also reminded the membership of the protocol involving Metro surveys and Metro social events at FRI.

Executive Secretary Sanders brought up the motion by Chief Tim Beckett:

The Metro Chiefs Board of Directors investigate and develop recommendations that address current and senior members that engage in consulting activities resulting in actual or potential negative actions towards a fire chief or fire service. And further, that the Board present a report for consideration by the membership at the 2020 business meeting.

Secretary Lombardi made a motion to table discussion on the motion until the Metro Board can consider it at the Winter Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Chief Richard Bowers and agreed to unanimously.

Old Business

President Duyck called for old business, but none came forward.

New Business

President Duyck called for new business. Chief Bowers discussed proposed changes for FRI on August 19-22, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona. President Duyck recognized Chief Drozd and Chief Few for their leadership with the Metro Chiefs. He reminded members that the next Metro Chiefs Conference will be in Pittsburgh, PA on June 6-11, 2020.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr, seconded by Chief Bowers, and agreed to unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.