

Metro Business Meeting Agendas
May 9, 2018
Westin Riverwalk, San Antonio

Call to Order & Announcements

President Drozd called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm

FirstNet Update

Mike Worrell with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) updated the membership. FirstNet picked AT&T as its commercial partner and is beginning to build its network in all 50 states. So far, First Net has been adopted by 650 agencies in 48 states. FirstNet also plans to have deployables ready to operate in emergency situation next year. FirstNet also is working with the fire service to address their broadband and data needs.

Committee Reports – Continued

NFPA 1710 Report

Chief Bryson updated the membership about the proposed changes to NFPA 1710, Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments. He highlighted the importance of improved research on firefighting data and discussed forthcoming revisions to the standard. He also reported that the revised NFPA 1710 standard is expected to be posted in September. The NFPA 1710 standard is converting to a five-year review period. There will be a review cycle in 2020 and then the next review cycle will be in 2025.

IAFF Liaison Report

Chief Bryson also reported on relations with the IAFF. He reported that the relationship between the Metro Chiefs and the IAFF is providing helpful data. Also he highlighted the recent accomplishments with the new Labor-Management Alliance initiative and conference.

Actions from the Floor on Day 1-2

President Drozd asked the membership for any motions or resolutions that had been presented on earlier days.

Chief Downey raised his motion from the previous business day regarding the length of service regarding firefighter personal protective equipment.

Downey Motion:

To have the Metro support a Tentative Interim Amendment (TIA) on NFPA 1851 to request a revision that the 10-year life span for PPE be measured from first use versus manufacture date and for the Technical Committee (TC) to justify the 10-year life span requirement. Further, that the TC provide a methodology that would allow individual departments to extend the useful life of the structural fire fighting ensemble in one-year increments. This motion was seconded by Chief Bryson.

The motion was discussed by the membership and the text was revised.

The final motion:

To have the Metro support a Tentative Interim Amendment (TIA) on NFPA 1851 to request a revision that the 10-year life span for PPE be measured from first-use versus manufacture date and for the Technical Committee (TC) to justify the 10-year life span requirement, and to evaluate the functionality, safety, and integrity of the structural firefighting ensemble for compliance.

President Drozd asked for a vote on the motion as amended, which passed by voice vote.

Conference Wrap-Up

President Drozd asked for final thoughts from the membership. Chief John Alston thanked the Metro Chiefs membership for their leadership and a good conference. Chief Neal DeJesus asked the membership to remember to vote for Chief Drozd in the IAFC election.

Adjourn

President Drozd adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.