

**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
Business Session #3
Hyatt Regency Orlando
April 12, 2017**

Call to Order & Announcements

President Kerr brought the meeting to order at 2:53 p.m.

FirstNet Presentation

Chief Jeff Johnson introduced TJ Kennedy, President of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), and Mike Worrell, Senior Fire Services Advisor at First Net. Mr. Kennedy updated the Metro Chiefs about developments with FirstNet, including its partnership with AT&T and plans to release statewide plans for the governors' consideration.

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Chief William Bamattre gave brief update on the Metro Chiefs communications interoperability efforts. SAFECOM is developing a one-page resource on communications efforts. Alternate Board Member Duyck emphasized the importance of Land-Mobile Radio systems even after FirstNet's network is deployed.

Old Business

President Kerr opened the Floor to old business.

Executive Secretary Sanders emphasized that surveys and questionnaires can only come from Metro Chiefs, the IAFC or the NFPA for them to be distributed to the Metro Chiefs membership. Also, he asked the conference attendees let the conference attendees know if they are unable to attend events.

Chief Bryson discussed his concerns about the motion made the day before to lift the cap on donations as a percentage of membership dues revenue.

A motion was made by Chief Bryson to reconsider motion to change the donation limit to 50% of the Metro Chiefs' dues revenue. It was seconded by Chief Paul DeYoung. After discussion, more than two-thirds of the membership voted to end discussion. The motion to reconsider passed by voice vote.

A motion was then made by Chief Bryson to restore the donation limit in the policy to 33% of membership dues collected. It was seconded by Chief Paulison and passed by voice vote.

New Business

President Kerr opened the floor to new business.

Chief Eric Tade discussed his concerns about asking governors to support the FirstNet state plans before metro chiefs have seen the state plans. Senior Board Member Fincher said that the IAFC Board had decided not to discuss this issue at its next conference call of the board members.

On behalf of Chief Richard Bowers, Chief David Downey made a motion for the Metro Chiefs' membership to endorse a labor-management initiative to require the use of SCBA by fire-rescue personnel from initial suppression actions to the conclusion of overhaul operations to include the entire investigative process of cause and origin in the fire area. This motion was seconded by Chief Keith Bryant. It failed by voice vote.

On behalf of Chief Bowers, Chief Downey made another motion to endorse a research initiative to conduct a comprehensive examination of the products and materials used in the manufacturing process of the entire firefighter personal protective equipment ensemble that fire and rescue personnel wear and, for 2017-2018, to submit this proposal to interested research organizations for consideration and funding. The motion was seconded by Chief McElfish, and, after discussion, passed by voice vote.

Treasurer Hannan asked for Metro Chiefs to contact him with issues of interest, so that they can be included in the educational session of the 2018 Metro Chiefs conference.

Conference Wrap-Up

President Kerr discussed the major themes of the conference. She thanked the Metro Chiefs for their support and the honor of being their president.

Adjourn

President Kerr asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Senior Board Member Fincher to adjourn. It was seconded by Chief DeYoung and agreed to unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.