

Resolution No. 42

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Policy

Re: IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial Recognition and Eligibility

1 WHEREAS, as Firefighters, IAFF members are
2 frequently exposed to dangerous and hazardous
3 environments when serving in the line-of-duty; and

4 WHEREAS, these activities may ultimately lead
5 to a death in the line-of-duty; and

6 WHEREAS, the IAFF has a proud history of
7 honoring the loss of current and past members killed
8 in the line-of-duty at the Fallen Firefighter Memorial
9 at Colorado Springs; and

10 WHEREAS, diseases and illness contracted in the
11 line-of-duty may ultimately lead to the death of a
12 Firefighter; and

13 WHEREAS, presumptive legislation in several
14 government jurisdictions across the IAFF
15 acknowledges that firefighters diagnosed with cancer
16 are presumed to have contracted their illness in the
17 line-of-duty regardless of their current status as
18 active or retired from their occupation; and

19 WHEREAS, as a labor organization, the IAFF has
20 a longstanding history of advocating for the inclusion
21 and expansion of such presumptive coverage and for
22 the acknowledgement of a death of current or past
23 members killed by exposure contracted in the line-of-
24 duty; and

25 WHEREAS, the IAFF has made the decision to

26 change their practice of honoring non-active retired
27 members on the wall in Colorado Springs; and
28 WHEREAS, the cost to retired members to
29 maintain active status far exceeds the costs incurred
30 by the IAFF to honor retired LODDs; therefore be it
31 RESOLVED, That the IAFF shall immediately
32 reinstate and permanently maintain the practice of
33 honoring all members, regardless of active status,
34 whose deaths are attributable to line-of-duty
35 exposures, on the IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial
36 Wall in Colorado Springs; and be it further
37 RESOLVED, That if adopted this resolution be
38 submitted to the IAFF's 58th Convention in
39 Arlington, Texas for disposition.

Submitted by: 2025 Canadian Policy Conference

Cost Estimate: **3 ¾ cents (\$0.0375)**

Annual or Perpetual Designation: **Perpetual**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: