

February 18, 2005

Senator Harry Reid  
Minority Leader  
528 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Reid:

Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada have long advocated the appropriate number of fire fighters and EMS personnel, as well as mobile resources to assure safe, efficient, and effective operation on the scene of a fire or medical emergency. We are nationally recognized for our efforts to build an emergency response system that delivers time critical response to a citizen's call for help. Our success, in large measure, is attributable to your strong support and assistance.

With that being said, we are very proud to inform you that the International Association of Fire Fighters will be hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial IAFF EMS Conference. The three-day event will feature the latest developments in emergency medical services, as well as the broader issues of overall emergency response, including fire suppression, Haz-Mat and weapons of mass destruction. The conference will be held in Las Vegas June 25-29, 2005. The Clark County Fire Department is honored to take part in this important industry event.

As part of the conference, the IAFF in conjunction with the Clark County Fire Department and IAFF Local 1908, is conducting a one-day fire ground operations orientation for civilians including elected public officials and representatives of the media. This event will be held June 25, 2005 from 8:00am – 2:00pm at the Clark County Fire Training Center located at 4425 W. Tropicana. This program will include actually suiting up in fire fighter protective clothing, donning self contained breathing apparatus and actually going inside a real fire to experience first hand the environment in which fire fighters work. Obviously, this will be a controlled situation, but will nevertheless provide an opportunity to see and feel what fire fighters deal with on a daily basis. It promises to be a very exciting and informative day. We would be honored if you would consider participating in this activity. We believe this will provide you a perspective on our issues as never seen before. Additionally, the IAFF will assure press coverage so that your constituents know that you are on the front line with us.

We sincerely hope that you can attend the one-day fire and EMS orientation program. As always, we appreciate your support.

Any questions please contact Ryan Beaman (702) 400-0798 or Rusty McAllister (702) 493-2796.

Very truly yours,

Rusty McAllister  
President PFFN

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