

**Substitute as Amended  
Resolution No. 18**

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Policy  
Re: IAFF Local Leadership Award**

WHEREAS, IAFF Local 398 chose to disaffiliate from the International in 1978, and in October of that year a small group of loyal firefighters from St. Louis County elected to form IAFF Local 2665 to continue the IAFF presence in St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, since October of 1978, Dennis J. Murray has been the only president of IAFF Local 2665, taking it from its inception representing three departments and fewer than fifty firefighters to its present state as one of the thirty largest locals in the International representing over seventy agencies and over 1800 firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and emergency dispatchers; and

WHEREAS, Local 2665 President Dennis J. Murray is one of the longest serving local presidents in IAFF history; and

WHEREAS, the IAFF by-laws do not have a provision to allow for local presidents or other leaders to be nominated for emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, the IAFF should develop a program to recognize and honor those local leaders who have dedicated more than fifteen years to their local but never been elected to higher office in the IAFF; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the IAFF will establish the IAFF Local Leadership Award to be presented at the IAFF Convention to not more than eight local officers who have served greater than 15 years and who have been nominated by their local and chosen by the IAFF Executive Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the IAFF will commission a plaque to be hung in a prominent place in the IAFF Headquarters in Washington D.C.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the delegates assembled during the IAFF's 49<sup>th</sup> Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, do hereby confer upon Dennis J. Murray of IAFF Local 2665 the first IAFF Local Leadership Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That it be spread upon the minutes of this Convention and be made part of the permanent record of the IAFF that it was the standard of leadership set by Dennis J. Murray that inspired his local to propose this award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That two (2) copies of this Resolution be made and framed and one (1) presented to Dennis J. Murray and one (1) presented to IAFF Local 2665; and be it further

RESOLVED, That future recipients and their locals receive framed copies of the resolution.

Submitted by: Local 2665, Eastern Missouri, MO  
Cost Estimate: None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt  
CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted as Amended**