



NAEFO Update

March 18, 2010

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TWO NAEFO BOARD VACANCIES

NAEFO would like to take this opportunity to present the membership with a great opportunity to be a part of the NAEFO Board.

At the January 2010, Board Meeting the Board of Directors officially announced the vacancy of two Director at Large positions on the NAEFO Board. The Board would like to have the two positions announced and filled during the April Board Meeting in South Lake Tahoe.

NAEFO invites and encourages interested members to apply. Please send all inquires to Jennifer at jen@naefo.org.

NAEFO BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

NAEFO would like to take this opportunity and introduce our new Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:
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Monte Olsen, Conference Committee
Michael Lambretch, Communication Committee
Brian McMahan, Legislative Committee
Frank Hamilton, Membership Committee.

Please visit the NAEFO website at www.naefo.org for
contact information for the Board and Committee
Chairmen.

THANK YOU TO BURTON WEAST

NAEFO was sad to accept the resignation of Executive
Director, Burton Weast in January. Weast was an
important part of NAEFO for many years and was
instrumental in organizing NAEFO and putting together
last September's successful NAEFO Conference in Las
Vegas. Though Weast has stepped down as the
Executive Director, he will remain a personal and
professional asset to NAEFO. It is with great
appreciation that the NAEFO Board thanks Weast for his
service and advocacy efforts.

NEW NAEFO WEBSITE

NAEFO is pleased to announce the launch of its new
website

NAEFO believes that this new site offers cleaner
presentation and easier navigation and therefore
represents a significant improvement on the old one. The
look and feel of the site is deliberately low key so that it
does not completely overshadow important new content.

NAEFO is actively seeking information to be illustrated on
the site, such as quarterly information from each State
Member. Photographs, video clips and other key pieces
of information are highly encouraged as well. NAEFO
wants the site to illustrate current and archived
information in attractive ways that will appeal to current
members and interested members from a variety of fire
districts/departments and throughout the world.

Members and non-members are strongly encouraged to
send their comments and suggestions about the new
website to Jennifer at jen@naefo.org. We hope that you
will take the opportunity to explore the new website in
the coming weeks and give us your views.

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NEW NAEFO ADDRESS

NAEFO is pleased to announce that they will be moving into new office premises on March 25th. The new office premises are located in the Oswego Pointe Business Suites. The address is as follows:

300 Oswego Pointe Drive, Suite 220
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

After moving into the Oswego Pointe Business Suites, NAEFO will continue to use the present telephone and toll free numbers which are:

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NEW NAEFO STATE MEMBER

NAEFO is pleased to announce Sharon Paulsell, Executive Director of the Missouri Association of Fire Protection Districts (MAFPD) as a new State Member. Paulsell will be named as a new State Director during the April 24th Board Meeting.

NAEFO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCESS

NAEFO Membership Invoices are sent out one month before the member's expiration date. If you currently have an outstanding membership invoice, please be sure to send membership dues to the NAEFO office as soon as possible.

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If you have any question regarding membership, such as making sure multiple members have the same expiration date, want to check the status of membership or would like your dues sent directly to your district, please let Jennifer know by emailing her at jen@naefo.org

2010 NAEFO CONFERENCE

Stay tuned for more details related to the NAEFO Conference. A Request for Proposal went out on March 10th and the proposals are steadily coming in and being reviewed. The Conference is set to be held in late spring, early fall in Las Vegas, Nevada.

If you have question regarding the upcoming conference, have ideas for guest speakers or know of a potential sponsor, please email Jennifer at jen@naefo.org or Conference Committee Chair, Monte Olsen at monteolsen@inter-city-fpd.org

Sponsorship Opportunities for the NAEFO Conference can be found on the Conference Page of the NAEFO Website at www.naefo.org

2009 NAEFO CONFERENCE SURVEY

Thank you to those of you who participated in the 2009 NAEFO Survey that went out on February 23rd. The results have been tallied and were very helpful for the Conference Committee.

Results showed that the most ideal time of year for the Conference to be held is during the month of September. The topics that received the most interest were, first, Finances, Bonds, Grants, Impact Fees, Sales Taxes and Service Fees. Second was, Board Member Relations & Board Member and Chief Relations. And tied with third

were Consolidations and Insurance, Insurance Claims and Insurance Service Office (ISO).

76% of those who took the survey stated that Schedule Conflicts were the reason for not attending the 2009 Conference.

Information topics and guest speakers from the 2009 Conference were rated on a scale of 1 to 4; one being very informative and four being did not attend. Based on the results the information presented and the guest speaks were rated at approximately 55% as being very informative, the other 45% was based on not attending the 2009 Conference.

When asked what was too expensive, not too expensive came in at 53.8%, airfare came in at 23% and transportation came in at 19.2%.

Based on these results and many other comments from the survey, our Conference Committee is planning the 2010 conference based on the needs and wants of the membership. Thank you again to those who participated.

FIRE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Jim Hill, President of FDAC and Vice President of NAEFO, would like to extend an invitation to the Annual FDAC Conference. The Conference will be held April 22nd - 24th in South Lake Tahoe. NAEFO members who would like to attend the conference can do so at the California member rate.

For more detailed information or to register, please visit the FDAC website at www.fdac.org or call Kaila at 800.829.4309.

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WFCA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES MEETING

May 1st, the Washington Fire Commissioners Association held their legislative priorities meeting at the Yakima Convention Center. The purpose was to allow the fire commissioners to determine and choose what is important to them. The "dot exercise" was used to vote on important issues and rank them.

For a listing of results, please visit: www.wfca.wa.gov

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SENATE LEGISLATION REAUTHORIZING AFG/SAFER

On April 27th, Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT) introduced the Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2010 (S. 3267) along with original co-sponsors Thomas Carper (D-DE), Susan Collins (R-ME), Joseph Lieberman (D-CT), and John McCain (R-AZ). The bill, which would reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs through 2015, was reported favorably out of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on April 28th.

For the full article, please visit:

www.nvfc.org

DRAFT & APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Draft Meeting Minutes from the April 24th NAEFO Board Meeting and approved Meeting Minutes from January and February are available for review on the NAEFO Website at www.naefo.org.

NAEFO BOARD VACANCIES FILLED

NAEFO is pleased to announce that Brian McMahan, Snohomish County Fire District 1 and Chris Elwell, King County Fire District 2 have been appointed as the new Directors at Large to the NAEFO Board.

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SENATE, HOUSE COMMITTEES CONSIDER FY11 HOMELAND SECURITY SPENDING BILLS

On Thursday, July 15th, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the Fiscal Year 2011 Homeland Security Appropriations Act. The measure contains \$420

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million for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program and \$390 million for the Assistance to Firefighters (FIRE) Grant Program, maintaining the previous year's funding levels (The Senate Homeland Security Subcommittee approved the bill the day before). The bill will now be sent to the full Senate for consideration.

On Thursday, June 24th, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security initiated House action by approving its own version of the appropriations legislation. The bill provides \$420 million for FIRE, an increase of \$30 million over the Fiscal Year 2010 enacted funding level, and \$420 million for SAFER, the same level of funding as in FY10. The bill now awaits action by the full House Appropriations Committee.

Both the House and Senate figures are significant increases over the amount proposed by the White House. The Administration's FY11 Budget Proposal, released on February 9th, recommended cutting the programs to \$305 million each.

After both the Senate and House pass their respective versions of the FY11 spending bill, Congress will need to convene a conference committee to resolve any differences between the two bills. Once the conference report is approved by both houses, it will be sent to the President. CFSI will continue to provide updates throughout the appropriations process.

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NEW VIDEO ADVOCATING FOR SUPPORT OF THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS AND STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAMS:

Fire Service Encouraged To Share Video With Their Members Of Congress and Other Officials

The Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) has produced an educational video designed to increase awareness about the importance of the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Programs. Featuring prominent fire service leaders and a cadre of firefighters from various fire service fields, the video highlights the many benefits of the two grant programs - from enhancing the response capabilities for all types of emergencies to stimulating local economies through the manufacturing of equipment and apparatus. The video can be watched on the [CFSI website](#).

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Fire service officials are encouraged to share the video with their members of Congress - and for that matter, their state and local officials. Our elected leaders need to understand the many roles of today's firefighters and the training, equipment and personnel they need to protect our homelands. While firefighters continue to perform their mission of fire suppression, EMS, rescue and prevention, so much has changed within the service that our elected officials need to understand. The fire service will remain a local responsibility but because of the added homeland security responsibilities the fire service has assumed in a post 9-11 world, our elected leaders need to understand the obligations all levels of government must assume to train, equip and staff our nation's fire and emergency services.

By design, the video is succinct. Lasting approximately six minutes, it highlights some of the key benefits of both

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Orleans Hotel & Casino
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host hotel and the Clark
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Training Center has been
selected as the program
site.

AFG and SAFER as communicated by actual firefighters. It can be played during meetings with elected officials and their staff or mailed to congressional offices. If the latter, a letter should accompany the video explaining from a local perspective why support for AFG and SAFER is so important to the fire service.

Congress is in the process of approving funding for both AFG and SAFER for Fiscal Year 2011. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved \$420 million for both programs. The Senate Appropriations Committee, however, approved \$420 million for SAFER and \$390 for AFG. The two programs are equally important as they both address critical needs for departments in rural and urban communities. Hence, in your communications with your members, urge them to support \$420 million for both programs for Fiscal Year 2011.

In your communications, include the key points enumerated in the video. Remind them that the American fire and emergency services responds to 22 million emergency calls, annually. Also express in your own words how AFG and SAFER are having a positive impact at the local level. As the late former Speaker of the House Thomas "Tip" O'Neill once said, "Politics is local."

To receive a copy of the video, send an email request to CFSI at update@cfsi.org. Include your name and mailing address.

Established in 1989, the Congressional Fire Services Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan policy institute designed to educate Congress about the needs and challenges of our nation's one million firefighters and emergency services personnel. Since AFG was established in 2000, CFSI has led efforts to unite

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**US MEMEBERS CALLED UPON TO ACT TO
SECURE PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMUNICATIONS SPECTRUM**

The IAFC urged all US members to contact their senators on Wednesday, September 22, and ask them to cosponsor the Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act of 2010 (S. 3756).

The national call-in day was being organized by the Public Safety Alliance-of which the IAFC is a member-whose leadership will be meeting on this critical issue with Congressional and Administration officials this past week.

The Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act of 2010 establishes a regulatory process and structure to allocate an additional 10 MHz of communications spectrum (the D-Block) directly to public safety rather than auctioning the spectrum to the private sector. It sets aside funding from other auction proceeds to construct a nationwide, interoperable mobile wireless broadband network hardened to public safety requirements. This will improve our nation's homeland security and provide first responders with new communications technologies that are urgently needed.

Call to Action

IAFC members were asked to take two simple steps on September 22:

- Call your senators and ask them to cosponsor the Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act of 2010 (S. 3756).
- Reach out to least two of your colleagues and ask them to call their senators.

For more information on the D-Block, visit the Public Safety Alliance at www.psafirst.org

**POLICY MAKERS COMMITTED TO
D-BLOCK ALLOCATION AND FUNDING**

The Public Safety Alliance (PSA) celebrated the success of a week's worth of activities to ensure allocation of the D-

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Block to public safety and funding to build-out and maintain the nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network as they reviewed the results of their meetings on The Capitol grounds.

This past week, the member organizations of the PSA participated in the Administration's Public Safety Communications Forum, conducted meetings with key Senators, encouraged a National Call-in Day and participated in the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee hearing.

"From the support expressed today by the leadership of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee we clearly made an impact on the positions of policy makers and gained momentum for public safety's position," Chief Robert Davis of the San Jose (Calif.)

Police Department and PSA representative said. "In addition, the Administration has been fully engaged with public safety and has a clear understanding of our effort and what we are trying to accomplish."

Visit www.psafirst.org to see a video clip and to read more about the success to ensure allocation of the D-Block.

NAEFO DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Draft Meeting Minutes from the September 11th NAEFO Board Meeting are available for review on the NAEFO Website at www.naefo.org.

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Upcoming Events:

Brunacini Fire-Rescue Leadership Retreat that CSU will be hosting on December 2nd through December 5th, in Orange Beach, Alabama.

Since NAEFO is a Learning Partner with CSU, as a member, you can receive the discounted rate. There are also other discounted rates if one or more registrants attend.

Below is a flyer if you would like additional information on the benefits and cost of attendance for the retreat. This flyer also lists two other conferences that Chief Brunacini will be in attendance.

[Bruna Conference 2010](#)

If you are interested in registering or finding more information on this event, please follow the link below:

<http://www.columbiasouthern.edu/subsite/Fire-Leadership/>

Columbia Southern University also has hotel discounts for this event, which can be found at the link above.

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You've heard the reasons that smoking is bad for you: increased risk of disease and certain cancers, potential lung disease, loss of smell and taste, name a few. You also know that as a first responder it is especially important for you to be at your best so that you are ready for the next call. But maybe you found it difficult to set your quit date and take the steps to become smoke-free.

The American Cancer Society's (ACS) [Great American Smokeout](#) is on November 18, and is the perfect opportunity to start or plan your quit. Take advantage of the resources and support available and make today your first step as a non-smoker.

One of the first steps to becoming smoke-free is to make a quit plan and set your quit date. The Great American Smokeout provides an ideal time to take that step. The ACS provides many resources to help you set your quit date, develop your quit plan, deal with withdrawal, and stay quit.

Find these resources and much more at

www.cancer.org/Healthy/StayAwayfromTobacco/GreatAmericanSmokeout

The National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program provides resources and information to help firefighters stay healthy, including quitting smoking. The NVFC has partnered with Pfizer Inc. to develop the Put It Out, an in-depth smoking cessation campaign. The Put It Out [web site](#) provides resources and resources for firefighters and emergency personnel who are ready to take the steps to stop smoking and lead a healthier, smoke-free lifestyle.

The Put It Out site contains sections to assist individuals in quitting smoking, family members in supporting first responders who are quitting, departments in establishing a no-smoking policy and smoking cessation program, and associations in encouraging their members to adopt a smoke-free lifestyle. Resources include a 'quit calendar,' steps for how to quit, statistics about smoking, sample documents such as press releases and no-smoking policies, outreach letters, motivational tools, and more.

[Learn more](#) about how you can quit smoking and adopt and maintain a smoke-free, heart-healthy lifestyle. For additional resources and information visit smokefree.gov, [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), [National Cancer Institute](#), [My Time to Quit](#), [American Lung Association](#), [American Heart Association](#), and the [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services](#).

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The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced the first round of awards from the Fiscal Year 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grants application process.

The primary goal of the AFG is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations by enhancing their capabilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards.

Since 2001, AFG has awarded more than \$4.6 billion to fire departments and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and all other hazards. Additional awards are forthcoming.

To view the AFG award announcements, please visit:
<http://www.firegrantsupport.com/content/html/afg/Awards10.aspx>

CELL PHONES NO LONGER CONSIDERED "LISTED PROPERTY" BY IRS

The Small Business Jobs Act, which was signed into law in late September, included a provision that excludes cell phones as "listed property" by the IRS, no longer requiring onerous paperwork to substantiate their use. This change was advocated by many local government and business organizations. A more complete explanation of the law, which was effective at the beginning of 2011, can be found at:

[Simplify Taxation of Cell Phone Usage](#)

STATE OF MISSOURI UPDATE

The opening of the Missouri Legislative session is the first Monday in January. The House of Representatives, with 163 members will have over 70 new members and new leadership and almost all new committee chairs. The Senate with 34 members will have several new members and also new leadership.

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- roadside safety for emergency personnel (proposing the same level of increased fines/punishment for striking a DOT worker);
- protecting EMTs and EMP from legal action like already exists for health care providers if dangerous drivers are reported;
- debt set-off using lottery winnings or tax refunds for unpaid emergency service bills; and
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