

Revised Resolution No. 13

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Policy

Re: IAFF Members Responding to Active Shooter and Other Hostile Events

1 WHEREAS, the emerging threat of homegrown
2 violent extremists (HVE) conducting acts of
3 terrorism, specifically, small unit “active shooter”
4 and improvised explosive device (IED) attacks,
5 remains a concern for the fire service; and

6 WHEREAS, an attack by radicals armed with
7 weapons in public areas, such as concert halls, hotels,
8 schools, shopping malls, churches or any other
9 locations where people congregate is a real threat to a
10 sense of security and daily lives; and

11 WHEREAS, “active shooter” scenarios are
12 unfolding across the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, homegrown violent extremists are
14 finding new ways to attack innocent people during
15 mass gathering events or in their everyday lives; and

16 WHEREAS, these new tactics include use of
17 edged weapons, vehicle ramming, and fire used as a
18 weapon; and

19 WHEREAS, fire and law enforcement
20 departments, regardless of size or capacity, must find
21 ways to marshal appropriate and effective responses
22 to these events; and

23 WHEREAS, local fire and law enforcement
24 departments faced with responding to active shooter
25 and other hostile events are establishing standard
26 operating procedures to deal with these unusual,
27 highly volatile, and extraordinarily dangerous
28 scenarios; and

29 WHEREAS, IAFF local leaders throughout the
30 United States and Canada need information and
31 guidance as these protocols are developed and
32 negotiated; therefore be it

33 RESOLVED, That the IAFF support and promote
34 the NFPA 3000 Standard for Preparedness and
35 Response to Active Shooter and/or Hostile Events;
36 and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That fire/EMS departments
38 deploying rescue task forces (RTF) consisting of
39 both fire/EMS department and law enforcement
40 personnel, into the warm zone, shall ensure that those
41 personnel are trained to provide immediate life-
42 saving care using at minimum the concepts of
43 Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) or
44 equivalent; and be it further

45 RESOLVED, That law enforcement and fire/EMS
46 departments should train together both initially and
47 regularly to assure all personnel are prepared for
48 response as assigned; and be it further

49 RESOLVED, That fire/EMS departments must
50 ensure appropriate protective gear for personnel
51 exposed to risk just as they provide PPE for response
52 to fire; and be it further

53 RESOLVED, That fire/EMS departments must
54 provide post-response behavioral health programs
55 for responders to these events to include the IAFF
56 Peer Support Program; and be it further

57 RESOLVED, That in addition to any law
58 enforcement agency reports, fire/EMS departments
59 must create and publish an after action/post-incident
60 report on the department's response, in a timely
61 fashion; and be it further

62 RESOLVED, That the IAFF and its local
63 affiliates advocate for these minimum best practices
64 whenever they are involved in the planning for
65 response to these events; and be it further
66 RESOLVED, That the IAFF transmit copies of
67 this resolution to the IAFC and all national law
68 enforcement organizations, both management and
69 labor, and the IAFF shall encourage these
70 organizations to adopt the tenets of this resolution.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as Revised
CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted as Revised and
Amended