

Resolution No. 18

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Policy

Re: IAFF Advocacy for Public Access Bleeding Control Kits

1 WHEREAS, uncontrolled hemorrhage is the most
2 preventable cause of death in North America; and

3 WHEREAS, uncontrolled external hemorrhage
4 can result from events such as motor vehicle crashes,
5 fights, gun shots, stabbings, falls, industrial
6 accidents, and multiple casualty hostile events
7 including active shooter, rammings, or bombings;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, rapid control of hemorrhage at the
10 scene of an event can be life-saving; and

11 WHEREAS, a bleeding control kit is defined as
12 a collection of equipment, housed in a purposefully-
13 made container, used to attempt to control or stop
14 blood loss from a person, or persons, who has
15 suffered a traumatic injury; and

16 WHEREAS, bleeding control kits can also be
17 placed in the same location as publicly accessible
18 automatic external defibrillators; and

19 WHEREAS, bleeding control kits are designed
20 to provide essential equipment and supplies that are
21 proven to help save lives and that can be easily used
22 by bystanders and responders with proper training;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, bleeding control kits help to reduce
25 the time between injury and intervention for
26 bystanders and responders who can act rapidly to
27 control the loss of blood; and

28 WHEREAS, the IAFF finds it to be in the best

29 interests of responders and the public to advocate for
30 the installation of bleeding control kits and fire
31 fighter delivered public education for using the kits;
32 therefore be it

33 RESOLVED, That the IAFF seeks to be in the
34 forefront of this movement; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That IAFF affiliates advocate for
36 local ordinances to deploy bleeding control kits
37 throughout North America; and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That IAFF local affiliates will seek
39 to provide public education and training for use of
40 the bleeding control kits either through their fire
41 departments or through the local.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted